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INEOS brings production of the Grenadier to Bridgend

INEOS Automotive will bring production of its "Projekt Grenadier" 4x4 to Bridgend, Welsh Government Economy Secretary Ken Skates announced on September 18.

Up to 500 jobs will be created at a new car-production plant, to be built at a site adjacent to the Ford Bridgend engine plant, which is to close by September 2020.

Development of the site infrastructure – which forms part of the Brocastle Industrial Estate – already underway, and production of the new vehicle is projected to start as early as 2021.

As reported previously in The GEM and elsewhere, the Ford Bridgend plant has been scheduled to close for a number of years due to production of a Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) engine moving to the West Midlands, and a downturn in demand for the Ford engines.

The news about the Grenadier will, therefore, be a fillip for Bridgend and the surrounding areas.

The GEM contacted industry expert, Hayley Pells for comment on Projekt Grenadier, and the market for a lightweight 4x4.

Understandably, concern has been voiced about the future of employment at the site and first published in The GEM on January 14 was that Sir Jim Ratcliffe, one of Britain's richest men, was keen to enter the car market for the first time with an ambitious project building a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV).

The market for a capable, lightweight SUV is robust, as sales of the hugely successful Suzuki Jimny have proved, with an insatiable appetite for the vehicles left unslaked since the discontinuation of the Land Rover Defender series on January 29, 2016.

Sir Jim unsuccessfully attempted to buy the original Defender designs from Land Rover and has openly spoken of his disappointment that there was not a British-built vehicle of this type. Putting his money where his mouth is shows a brave move from the Brexiteer. By leaning heavily on MBTech (formerly a Mercedes division) and BMW's power plant, the experienced engineering work and design bodes well for a reliable platform using proven technology.

Competition has been fierce to secure investment for Bridgend, with multiple sites becoming available at the same time, Swindon's Honda factory was also carefully considered for Projekt Grenadier, the name given to what has been hailed as the 'spiritual successor' to the Defender.

With Land Rover itself showcasing semi-official peeks of the new Defender racing up the hill at the Goodwood's Festival of Speed and a few pictures of the new model emerging on Twitter for the latest Bond film, having a home-grown SUV may be closer to the original design, which legend has it was first drawn in the sand at Red Wharf Bay in Anglesey in 1947 by brothers Maurice and Spencer Wilks who wanted a rugged, no-nonsense four wheel drive vehicle that could withstand the demands of off road driving.

Hayley Pells

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Meeting called over the future of nature reserve

A striking photograph of Kenfig Nature Reserve, by Sandra Morrish.

CONCERN over the future of the Kenfig Nature Reserve has led to the calling of a public meeting.

The Kenfig Corporation Trust has been invited to a meeting involving local elected representatives, NRW and BCBC to discuss its plans.

(See article on page 5).

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Reader seeks a car driver in Bridgend

WOULD the woman shopping in Sainsbury's in Bridgend on September 7, who drives a yellow car, please call the Glamorgan GEM office?

(Name and address supplied)

Self-congratulatory pat on the back fails

A BRIEF reply please, to the self-congratulation – pat on the back – by the Vale of Glamorgan council on its performance status, announced in The GEM.

From a local resident's perspective, the Vale Council is ineffective. For example, take the reporting of fly-tipping: countless reminders have to be submitted, spanning not weeks but months, prompting staff that the reported rubbish has not been collected.

It's always been the same: want action, you'll have to get to the formal complaint stage.

Ronald K Davies, Barry.

'I will only use my black sack for recycling'

I FULLY endorse the sentiments of your (unnamed) correspondent in last week's GEM regarding the unnecessary complexity of the latest incarnation of the recycling scheme and their doubts that the collection staff will be any more diligent in returning the bags and boxes neatly to where they found them or, finally succeed in emptying the contents into their vehicles rather than scattering much of it in the road and leaving it for us to pick up.

Of course, we already know that once emptied these bags - even in a moderate breeze - take on a life of their own, so adding to the number that we are now being expected to use and then go searching for will only add to the problem. So, here's what I am proposing to do.

Even though I have been an ardent recycler since moving to the Vale 10 years ago, as from October 14 I'm going to stop recycling altogether and deposit everything in my presently under-utilised black sack allocation.

Why? Not because sorting recycled material is arduous, too time consuming or because this hare-brained scheme is impractical and unnecessary, but mainly because as our council tax escalates year-on-year we get fewer services and benefits in return. Now, being expected to do the council's job for them in terms of sorting our recycling is the last straw, and the appalling waste of money being spent on all these new bags and boxes, most of which will likely go AWOL within the first few weeks, simply adds insult to injury.

VoG has banged on for ages about how efficient it is in recycling compared to other local authorities in Wales, but I suspect this is likely to change much sooner and quicker than they anticipate, especially if enough cheesed-off and ripped-off taxpayers are prepared to boycott this latest ill-conceived scheme.

I am not advocating sending more than is necessary to landfill for longer than necessary, but if that's what it takes to make a point then maybe some form of joint action is justified to signal just how dissatisfied many of us are with the way public money is being squandered.

Ian Walton, Rhoose.

Wales is 'too windy' for recycling bags

I BACK up the comments about "wasteful and complex" recycling in the Vale in GEM dated September 12.

I'd also like to emphasise particularly that these collection bags are highly unsuitable for windy conditions such as prevail most times in these parts. At the very least the waste collectors should be asked to hang the emptied bags in gate posts, or pushed into hedges, or flung into front gardens to prevent them blowing all over the streets.

Surely losing bags will mean us collecting more and more from the council which in turn means more money lost for the council.

Marc Delaney, Vale of Glamorgan.

Reader advises her dustmen to take strike action

IN response to a recent GEM letter regarding recycling being too complicated, recycling is supposed to made easy in order to encourage more and more people to recycle – not with this council.

I understood from Waste Management that the system now in place was to avoid recycling being contaminated by food waste hidden in the bags, thereby doing away with the single use bags it was put in.

We still continue to line our kitchen waste bins with bags; on the day of collection, these bags are ripped open to transfer the contents into a lightweight blue bag – and promptly stuff the recycling bag in with it.

It defeats the object of getting rid of the single use plastic bag, and people are still putting food in the blue bags.

On the collection days, the dustmen attempt to empty the bags on the cart, but most of it falls on the road, leaving a trail of rubbish everywhere they go.

Last week in the wind, the rubbish and empty blue bags were blown about, which can blow onto windscreens blocking out the vision of a motorist, or get caught under a vehicle.

A lot of people do not have room on their property to keep these blue bags that blow around, and they can become a serious trip hazard that fails miserably to contain the contents.

If the Vale seriously wants to get to grips with recycling, they need to provide solid, lidded bins that are easy to manoeuvre, arrange more doorstep collections for those who are infirm, disabled or elderly – or return to single use plastic bags.

They also need to talk to the dustmen as I have – their job is made 10 times more difficult, thanks to this change of direction in recycling.

I did suggest to a couple of crews that industrial action be taken for their benefit and for ours. You can afford to provide us with solid bins with lids on, as you have been overcharging us in council tax for years.

Anne Usher, Barry.

Darren Farm 'PR piece' draws flack

I AM much concerned by your headline article in The GEM of September 12, 'Darren Farm Cash for Cowbridge,' which is no more than a confusing and disingenuous PR piece from Wimpey.

Sara Taylor must know full well that any development likely to impact on an area to the extent that major Infrastructure development will be required, will have attendant statutory Section 106 payments attached to underwrite the cost. Without such commitment from the developer, in this case over £5.4m, the project would not be approved.

Colwinston School is a separate issue, being in need of major refurbishment for the last 15 years and with the building of the Redrow Estate between 2016 and early 2019, Heol Cae Pwll, in need of expansion to accommodate not just this site, but from its historic catchment area from Ewenny/Corntown to the edge of Darren Farm and including Llysworney and Llandow.

This project is not being funded out of Darren Farm Section 106 payments which makes the reference to this School downright misleading.

The fact of the matter is, as I and other correspondents have repeatedly pointed out, that south east Wales housing estimates were based on those for London and the south east of England.

This has produced a gross overestimate at a time when job opportunity (Ford) is declining and the attractiveness of the area for business investment waning as the result of negative signals and policies from Cardiff Bay.

Peter Graham-Woollard, Colwinston.

Could Darren Farm cash be used for town hall lift?

I READ with interest your article entitled 'Darren Farm cash for Cowbridge' (The GEM, September 12).

According to the article, Taylor Wimpey will be providing more than £5 million to be spent around Cowbridge by the Vale Council.

Much of this money is apparently intended for transport and education, but the figures quoted imply that there will be over £300,000 left for other local projects. Taylor Wimpey claims that this is at least in part for 'community facilities', and that they as a company 'contribute positively to local communities'.

It strikes me that this sum is more than enough to fund the much-needed lift in Cowbridge Town Hall, which would make the main hall upstairs at last accessible to all. This would certainly be a 'community facility' and a 'positive contribution to the local community'.

I urge all interested parties and every group which meets upstairs in the Town Hall, a venue currently inaccessible to those with mobility problems, (surely a travesty in the 21st century), to do whatever they can to make sure that some of the Taylor Wimpey money is spent in Cowbridge to facilitate the installation of a lift in the town hall.

Valerie Monaghan, Cowbridge

'It's hardly public consultation'

I WOULD like to respond to the article in last week's GEM (September 12) 'Is the public really being consulted through public consultations?'

I agree with the comments made by J A Hopkins regarding the Welsh Government's new National Development Plan.

However, I also wish to suggest that the requirement on local developers to undertake public consultations is also largely paying lip service to the exercise.

The public consultation for the proposed Business Park plans for Darren Farm due to end on September 9 were only publicised in The GEM on August 22, more than a week into the statutory 28 day consultation period.

I wished to make comments and tried to look at the plans for a second time on September 8 in order to finalise the comments that I wanted to make, but the web pages had been taken down and were not available. Furthermore, my email to the developers, Geraint John Planning, on September 9 to request that they be made available, were ignored.

So much for public consultation!

R Howells, Llanblethian.

No space at Llantwit school for my grandaughter

I MUST agree with Cllr Jeff Evans on the lack of school spaces at Llantwit Major Comprehensive School.

I have a granddaughter who was born and bred abroad.

The family has just returned to this country and are living five minutes' walk from the school gates.

She has just commenced her GCSE course and is hoping to make some local friends, but cannot be admitted to this school and therefore has to spend a couple of hours a day on the school bus to Barry, which has proved to be a very nice school.

What is ironic, is the very large advert in The GEM last week extolling the great success of the Llantwit School.

I wonder in which year they are advertising for new pupils?

Name and address supplied.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26

Date	Time	Height (metres)
19/09/2019	10.04	9.0
19/09/2019	22.22	8.9
20/09/2019	10.37	8.7
20/09/2019	22.58	8.5
21/09/2019	11.17	8.3
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23/09/2019	13.29	7.6
24/09/2019	02.23	7.5
24/09/2019	15.07	7.8
25/09/2019	03.54	7.9
25/09/2019	16.27	8.4
26/09/2019	05.06	8.7
26/09/2019	17.32	9.3

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Family pays tribute to an 'honest and loyal' man

Adam Llewellyn was a respected local farmer.

FAMILY members of a man who died after an incident at his workplace last week have paid tribute to him.

Adam Llewellyn, from Bridgend, died following an incident involving a quad bike in the grounds of Eglwys Nunudd Reservoir, Margam on September 5.

The 41-year-old's family said: "Adam was an honest, loyal and hardworking husband, father and son.

"A giant to his children, generous with his time and always giving to others. He held a huge sense of pride in all that he and his family achieved."

They added: "He was very well respected in both the farming and local community and the sense of loss felt by all those who knew him is a testament to Adam's love for his work and dedication to providing for his family.

"We are understandably devastated by what has happened and would like to thank everyone for the overwhelming support, strength and kindness shown to our family at this sad time."

A joint investigation by South Wales Police and the Health and Safety Executive into the circumstances of the incident is ongoing.

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BCBC invites residents to aim axe for potential cuts

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) is considering cutbacks to services including street cleaning, CCTV, pest control, town centre events, adult learning, education support services, as well as closing one of its three recycling centres.

During the last four years BCBC has saved £27 million by cutting some services and reducing council staff numbers by 400, which has included making cutbacks in senior management.

A further £35m saving must be made by 2023, and the council is warning that the situation is now reaching 'breaking point' due to reduced funding from central government.

The local authority has launched its annual budget consultation 'Shaping Bridgend's Future,' which lays out the tough decisions that need to be made ahead of setting its budget for 2020-21. Local residents are being asked to get involved and share their views on potential budget savings which include:

• Moving to a reactive street cleaning service where street cleaners will only deal with prioritised complaints about fly tipping and bin emptying rather than carrying out regular cleaning which would save £270,000 per year;

• Either completely closing one of the three recycling centres (in Maesteg, Tythegston and Brynmenyn) to save £100,000 per year, or closing all three sites for one day a week to save £50,000 a year;

• Removing CCTV coverage. There are currently 92 cameras across the county borough, and the service costs approximately £327,000 a year;

• Charging a fee for pest control services which are currently free;

• Saving £23,000 per year by no longer giving financial support to events in Bridgend town centre such as street markets, Wartime Bridgend, and the classic car show;

• Saving £133,000 per year by no longer funding adult community learning courses, or saving £65,000 per year by reducing the service to offer fewer courses;

• Saving £307,000 per year by no longer providing specialist cognition and learning services to support pupils with special educational needs and disabilities in mainstream primary and secondary schools. Alternatively, £61,000 could be saved by training staff in schools to deliver some of these services;

• Changing the way that one-to-one support is given for children with additional learning needs in primary schools. This could save £144,000 per year.

• Stop providing escorts on board taxis and minibuses that are transporting fewer than eight pupils to primary schools. This would save £35,000 per year;

Everyone who completes the 'Shaping Bridgend's Future' survey will also be asked for their opinion on possible council tax rises to help protect services, and have their say on which services should be prioritised when making long-term budget decisions.

Council Leader Huw David said: "We have already made multi-million-pound savings as we account for huge slashes in the funding we receive, and have done everything we can to prevent residents from having to experience the full impact of cuts. The coming year is going to be the toughest yet, and there are no easy options to save millions of pounds.

"Until central government decides to stop pummelling local government and instead provides us with adequate funding to provide the services that our residents deserve, we will have to keep making some of the hardest decisions that we have ever faced.

"If one service is prioritised, it means that another service has to lose out, so we need local people to work with us and tell us which services they want us to protect."

In 2019-20, it will cost BCBC almost £270.8m to provide a full range of public services for 142,000 residents. The council's budget is made up of government funding, council tax and business rates. Council tax accounts for about 29 per cent (£79m) of the local authority's net budget and doesn't even cover the cost of the budget that goes straight to the county borough's 59 schools.

Cllr Tom Giffrad, leader of the Welsh Conservative Group on the council said: "I find it disappointing that the Leader of the Council has accused central government of 'pummelling' local government. The truth is that the Boris Johnson-led UK Government has announced £4.6 billion extra a year for schools, but the Welsh Labour Government hasn't decided yet whether it will pass this money on to local councils.

"So, if he's looking to point the finger of blame for his own council's shortcomings, he should be blaming his colleagues in Cardiff Bay, who have a poor record of passing on UK Government money to local councils."

The 'Shaping Bridgend's Future' consultation (www.bridgend.gov.uk/consultation) survey closes on November 3.

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‘Let’s find this boy’s home’

Handsome, but with a touch of sadness in his eyes, this fine cat is looking for his home.

MAESTEG Animal Welfare Society (MAWS) has issued an urgent appeal to locate the owner of this fine-looking cat, which was found by a concerned resident in Victoria Avenue, Porthcawl last week.

A spokesperson for MAWS told The GEM: “He is too well fed and well looked after to be a stray, but unfortunately, he is not microchipped.

“If you recognise him, then please contact us as someone must be looking for him.

“Contact MAWS on 01656 769855, or 01656 721496 if you have any information for us to get this boy home.”

Some of the visitors, as well as the parish priest and volunteers, present on Open Doors Saturday.

People flooded into St Tyfodwg’s Church on Open Doors Saturday!

St Tyfodwg’s Church held an “Open Doors” event on September 14 from 10am until 2pm, which gave an opportunity for visitors to view the many historical artefacts, examine church documents and enjoy the beautiful floral displays kindly organised by the Bridgend Floral Society.

It was a lovely, sunny day and together with the arrangements of flowers the church reflected a warm, welcoming appeal to those who arrived.

Many of the visitors referred to the church having a warmth that they enjoyed.

There were many people who came through the doors, some who did not know of the Church, others who were old residents of the village of Glynogwr and had moved away however had wished to revisit the Church where they had spent many hours in the past. It was a time to meet with old friends and to recall how things used to be.

A long chat was helped by a cup of tea or coffee and a selection of home made cakes provided by the loyal volunteers who never fail to give their support at all events.

A very big thank-you must be given to these ladies, who without their tireless support events would be difficult to arrange.A big thank you too must be given for all the donations which were made in support of the fundraising which the Church has organised to install a kitchen and disabled toilet within the building. One future date for your diary is Friday, October 11, when the Ogmore Valley Male Voice Choir will perform starting at 7pm. All will be welcomed.

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Ineos to build in Bridgend

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Commenting on the announcement, Suzy Davies, Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, said: “This news is extremely welcome for Bridgend and the surrounding areas as there has been talk of INEOS being interested in Bridgend for some time.

“It has been reported that initially INEOS will create up to 500 jobs. It is crucial that Ford workers are at the front of the queue for these jobs and I will be calling on Welsh Government to explain how they will be helping those that will soon be losing their jobs with Ford.

Mrs Davies added “I also want to know from Welsh Government what guarantees they have sought from INEOS that they are in this for the long haul and whether those guarantees include creating more jobs.”

“While this news does not answer questions about what will happen to the Ford Engine Plant site, I will be encouraging Welsh Government to use INEOS as a way of attracting other businesses to the Engine Plant site as well.”

Ogmore MP Chris Elmore and Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies issued a joint press release, and commented: “Manufacturing – particularly in the automotive sector – has long since underpinned our regional and local economy and we very much hope that this decision is the start of a much brighter future for this crucial sector.”

Secretary of State for Wales, and Vale MP, Alun Cairns said: “INEOS’ investment will provide a welcome boost to our automotive sector and to this part of Wales, including the Vale of Glamorgan, creating important jobs which will contribute to a strengthened economy. There is a real opportunity for people in the Vale to take advantage of the new employment opportunities. It is also a clear demonstration of confidence in the UK economy.

“We’ve been working closely with the company to bring this investment to Wales and are supporting the industry via our Industrial Strategy and Automotive Sector Deal, setting out our vision of how government and industry can work together to solve some of the greatest challenges affecting this sector.

“There have been some significant automotive investments to Wales over the last few years, including at Aston Martin in St Athan and together with the Welsh Government we will continue to provide incentives for firms like INEOS to make Wales their home. This is positive for our local economy and I am confident that it will help to demonstrate the investment opportunities on our doorstep.”

INEOS Automotive has announced that its 4x4 was named “Grenadier” after the pub in which it was conceived, and, The Grenadier, according to the company website, will “...combine rugged British spirit with German engineering rigour”.

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Two parks in line for major £1m revamp

BRIDGEND County Borough Council has outlined how funding of nearly £1 million will be spent across two of the county’s parks.

Welsh Government announced the funding earlier this week as part of its ‘discovery gateways’ initiative. In total, 11 parks and heritage sites in the south Wales valleys will receive more than £6.6m.

In Bridgend, Bryngarw Country Park was awarded £500,000 while Parc Slip Nature Reserve received £400,000. In a report which went before BCBC’s cabinet members on Tuesday, September 18, officers said the local authority would be working closely with the Awen Cultural Trust and the Wildlife Trust to deliver the funding projects.

Within Bryngarw Country Park, the funding is proposed for new natural play equipment, a new education building for visiting schools and other groups, access improvements and the installation of solar panels on the visitor centre. Tree planting will also take place at the park and new ponds created.

For Parc Slip, the proposals involve planting a fruit and nut orchard, creating a range of kitchen, herb and wildlife gardens, installing electric car and bike charging points, repairing estate furniture and improving facilities to encourage people to stay longer; organising a range of events and purchasing an electric buggy for volunteers and staff to carry out maintenance work while also helping to improve access for reduced-mobility visitors during events.

The funding will be released over a two-year period. Cabinet members will be asked to accept the funding offers and enter into agreements with Awen Cultural Trust and the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales to support the delivery of activities.

The Valleys Regional Park (VRP) Discovery Gateways Capital Grant, 2019-2021 was announced on September 11.

Liz Bradfield LDR

Wheelchair appeal still rolling along

THE Coney Beach Wheelchair Appeal was launched in August, via a gofundme Facebook page, following a request by a parent for a specialist wheelchair to enable her daughter to access the beach.

Local people and businesses have supported the appeal with around £850 raised through donations, coffee sales and beach yoga sessions.

Fundraising has stepped up this month with a large raffle including cash prizes and also a wetsuit, dryrobe, rugby tickets, meals and gift vouchers. The fundraisers would like to thank businesses for their support, including Gul Watersports, Northcore Surf, CJB Surf Co, The Escape Room (Cardiff), Hi-Tide, Finnegans, Walters Shoes, Divine, Harris Printers, JumpJams, Coney Surf, WRU, Starfish swim school, Ann Marie Harben, Porthcawl butchers, Grand Pavilion, Dave Colley, Ozdzynes, Crafty Coney Viking and VW Woodman.

The fundraising continues with an ‘Elvis surf’ at 3pm on Saturday, September 28 and an evening fundraising event is being planned.

If you can help with a raffle prize or would like to buy tickets, contact the committee via Coney Surf Shop.

Helen Lynn

Funding crisis looms for nature reserve

PRESSURE is mounting on the owners of a national nature reserve in Bridgend to reveal what plans it has in place for when the local authority's lease ends in December.

The Kenfig Corporation Trust has been invited to a meeting in early October involving local elected representatives, Natural Resources Wales and Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) to discuss its plans.

It comes after increasing public concern over the reserve's future with a petition and an action group being organised on social media.

Earlier this month, the trust released a statement saying negotiations were underway and a decision would be announced soon.

BCBC's cabinet member for education and regeneration Charles Smith, who organised the October 8 meeting, said there was a need for the trust to reassure people that something was in place for January.

He said: "The council gave the trust notice of its intention to vacate the site more than eight years ago, so it is important to reassure people that plans are in place for what will happen when the handover takes place at the end of the year.

"Elected representatives and council officers are receiving increasing enquiries from people looking for clarification about this.

"I know that Kenfig Corporation Trust will want to reassure people about what plans are in place, and I hope that the outcome of the meeting will help to deliver this clarity and reassurance."

BCBC's lease for the site ends on December 31. It will bring to an end several decades of site management by local government. BCBC claims - without stating how much its support costs - it is because of local government cuts that it can no longer afford to continue to run the reserve.

However, as detailed in another piece in this paper, BCBC was due to confirm how it will spend almost £1 million of funding on two parks in the county.

The Kenfig National Nature Reserve comprises about 1,300 acres of managed coastal sand dunes and wetlands on the coastline between Porthcawl and Port Talbot and is regarded as one of the finest examples of a sand dune habitat in Europe and is home to many rare species of plants, insects, birds and animals. It contains the UK's entire population of the fen orchid and includes the clear waters of Kenfig Pool which, at 70 acres, is the largest natural lake in south Wales.

Liz Bradfield, LDR/ Gem Staff.

Chocks away for D-Day flight

A pair of very 'andy pilots.

TWO pilots have raised more than £3,000 for an Armed Forces charity by flying nearly 2,000 miles from south Wales to Malaga in Spain.

Andy Roberts, from Llantwit Major, and his friend Andy Hodder, who lives in Spain, set off on their six-day adventure from Old Park Farm in Margam last month to mark the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

The pair – both former RAF airmen – used their voyage raise thousands of pounds for Help for Heroes.

They flew 1,850 miles in six days, spent 23 hours flying, visited 19 airfields, travelled through four countries and used 280 litres of fuel.

After strong winds delayed their duo's departure by 24 hours, they made their way across the Channel to Le Touquet before an overnight stop at Abbeville.

They then flew over all of the Normandy beaches and on to Pegasus Bridge at Bénouville, and the memorials before continuing south to Blois.

"This was the highlight of our trip which gave us an opportunity to pay our respects to those who fell," Messrs Roberts and Hodder explained.

From there, the friends crossed the Spanish border and headed to Castellon before stopping in Vera, Almeria, and making the final leg of the journey to Malaga.

They said: "We would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone for an astounding £3,000 raised for Help for Heroes."

'Floating ordnance' spotted by NCI

AUGUST was a record-breaking month for Porthcawl's National Coastwatch Institute (NCI) with 1,364 vessel movements logged and 12 incidents dealt with.

Incidents included tidal cut offs, struggling kite surfers and kayakers, a capsized dinghy, disabled yacht, missing persons, swimmers in difficulty and an unidentified floating piece of ordnance.

The station, which also monitored 19 other incidents during the month, extended its watch hours to 12 hours a day, seven days a week, for the first time since opening.

Watch hours will slowly reduce as the daylight hours decrease, but volunteers at the station will "endeavour to remain vigilant."

Recently the station welcomed 12 new recruits, who have already begun their training, which will be followed by mentored watches.

A spokesman said: "We are grateful for their enthusiasm, commitment and skills."

A quiz, being held to raise money for the NCI, is taking place at the Hi-Tide on October 8 from 7pm. Tickets are available from the tower or watchkeepers.

The spokesman added: "We thank everyone who supported our street collections and our bookstall was also visited regularly and was a successful form of fundraising for us.

"During the summer we rely heavily on these events to meet our running costs for the station."

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Walk for life in Porthcawl

ON Sunday, September 22 Kidney Wales' Walk for Life starts from The Seagull Inn, Sandpiper Road, Porthcawl CF36 3UT – it's a walk to the Lifeboat station and back.

Registration is at 10.30am, and the walk starts at 11am. The entry fee on the day is £5 (under 12s free).

If you would like a sponsorship form or more information call Jean Schofield on 01656 786669.

Court reports by A J Sicluna

Broken window costs Bridgend man over £1,000

A DRUNKEN man who went to a house where a former partner was and smashed windows causing damage of £150 has ended up with fines, costs and compensation totalling over £1,000 at Cardiff Crown Court.

Painter and decorator Michael Rosser, 33, of William Crescent, Bridgend, admitted a charge of criminal damage and was also in breach of an 18-month suspended sentence for wounding and witness intimidation.

Recorder Paul Lewis QC fined him a total of £700 and ordered him to pay costs and compensation of £300, plus a court surcharge of £100.

Prosecutor Pamela Kaiga said Rosser went to the house in the Bridgend area, heavily drunk, and said he wanted to speak to a woman inside and would kill everyone.

He was swearing and shouting and seconds later smashed a window before leaving the scene.

He later admitted causing the damage.

Ms Kaiga said the wounding offence involving punching a man in a pub and breaking his eye socket.

He later sent the victim a text saying he would "have him" if he continued proceedings against him.

Said barrister Ieuan Bennett, "He should not have gone to that house and the people inside did not want to have anything to do with him. Fortunately, his family is entirely respectable."

Cocaine dealer is spared jail

A CLASS A drugs dealer has received a suspended sentence at Cardiff Crown Court after being spotted in the centre of Maesteg with a quantity of cocaine.

Andrew Heard, 33, who lives in the town, was spotted by the police in Picton Street on February 25, walking his dog to his mother's home.

In his rucksack, said prosecutor Jenny Yeo, he had 12 bags of cocaine and one bag of cannabis. The street value was about £600.

Heard admitted possessing cocaine with intent to supply and possessing cannabis.

He was jailed for two years, suspended for two years, and ordered to take part in a six-month rehabilitation course and pay £340 costs and £140 court surcharge.

Judge Nicola Jones said Heard had serious physical and mental health problems.

Ms Yeo said Heard's mobile phone contained 30 messages indicating he was dealing in cocaine and was owed over £6,000.

He was said to have a previous conviction for being concerned in the supply of cannabis.

His solicitor, David Sedgewick, said: "There are significant health issues as well as mental and physical problems. He is vulnerable and naive and there are serious mobility problems."

The Judge said the police stopped him acting on intelligence and he made a 'no comment' interview after being arrested.

He said Heard couldn't claim any good character but he played a significant role.

He added that he had been put under pressure and was a vulnerable person in the local community.

The judge added that he had "lasting difficulties".

News from Nancy

PUPILS at Llangan School have been planning the design of their scarecrow for the second annual scarecrow hunt which will take place in the village of Penllyne on September 22 between 12pm-4pm.

Last year's event was an outstanding success with Llangan School being declared winners.

Nancy Davidge

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Trio of awards for photographer

Glyn Edmunds, who was awarded honourary lifetime membership, and Richard Craze, who picked up three awards at the ceremony.

PYLE and Porthcawl Photographic Society held its annual general meeting and awards ceremony recently.

Member Richard Craze picked up the top three gongs for being Photographer of the Year for Prints, Photographer of the Year for Digital Images and Overall Photographer of the Year.

It's the third year running that Mr Craze has won the overall accolade and received the Trevor Owen Trophy.

The group also recently awarded Pam and Glyn Edmunds with honorary lifetime memberships in appreciation for their outstanding service to the club over the last 10 years as chairman and treasurer.

Anyone interested in joining the club should pop along to the group's meetings on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm at St Clare's School, Newton.

The club's programme is available at www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk.

Geoff Baker

Keeping track of cattle when on the moooove

TRACKING technology is being fitted to animals at a wildlife habitat in south Wales to monitor their grazing areas, movements and location.

Sheep and cattle grazing at Merthyr Mawr dunes, near Bridgend, will have the high-tech gadgets strapped to them in a bid to help staff at Natural Resources Wales.

Data collected will show some of the animals' favourite grazing spots, which means staff at the government organisation can then move them from areas that need to grow to sections that need to be cut back.

Information will also be fed back to farmers to give a live location for their livestock, reducing the time and cost in collecting them.

Rob Williams, the cattle owner at Merthyr Mawr, said: "Trialling this type of technology with my cattle is an excellent opportunity to test whether it can help with managing livestock in areas where food production, conservation grazing and visitors enjoying the outdoors are all important outputs.

"The project is testing how useful this technology is from a farmer's perspective in helping keep livestock on sites where grazing is a key part of landscape management."

It is also taking place at sites on the Black Mountains in the Brecon Beacons and Anglesey.

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Re-shuffle for Youth Offending Service

OFFICERS at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have admitted they "lost control" of elements within the youth offending service in Western Bay, and say that the regional collaboration left them not always knowing what was happening.

In 2014, the youth offending services of Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend were amalgamated, creating the Western Bay Youth Justice and Early Intervention Service. However, following a scathing report by HM Inspectorate of Probation earlier this year, the service was split up in April, with each local authority running its own team. Inspectors criticised the governance and leadership of the service, and said none of the three authorities had taken appropriate responsibility for its work and there was confusion in processes and procedures, leaving some young people in unsafe situations. Youth offending teams supervise 10 to 18-year-olds who have been sentenced by a court or who have come to the attention of the police because of their behaviour but have not been charged and instead are dealt with out of court. The principal aim is to prevent offending and re-offending. At a BCBC scrutiny committee meeting on September 16, officers told councillors a restructure was under way in the youth justice service to ensure there were clear lines of accountability. They said that having come out of the regional service, crucial posts were missing. Nicola Echanis, head of education and early help, said there had been different issues in different areas of the region which resulted in the "inadequate" Western Bay service rating, such as the monitoring of staff sickness and post-court processes. She told councillors: "I think we lost control to a degree because of that collaboration. We didn't always have all the strands in place that we needed to know exactly what was going on. We now have rigorous management systems in place where we know who is managing who, and who is responsible for what." She said there would be a more proactive approach to management of staff sickness, adding levels were "not good" at the moment, largely because of the restructure. Ms Echanis said: "We have a few key individuals that have been affected by the restructure who are not here for various reasons, and we do understand that these processes do cause stress. I think we will soon find the service settling down and moving forward." The council is currently recruiting for two lead practitioners who will lead the operational side of the service. It has also increased the number of social workers in the team from three to four. A new management board has also been formed. Group manager for integrated working and family support Mark Lewis said there were now "good and robust" governance arrangements in place. Officers said at any one time, around 100 children were known to the service.

Liz Bradfield, LDRS

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MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009
PART 4: MARINE LICENSING
APPLICATION FOR A MARINE LICENCE FOR A COASTAL DEFENCE SCHEME AT SANDY BAY, PORTHCAWL

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 1, Section 68 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 that Bridgend Count Borough Council has applied to Natural Resources Wales, acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, for a marine licence for a coastal defence scheme at Sandy Bay, Porthcawl.

The application and plans showing the position of the works may be inspected at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

Alternatively, copies of the application can be obtained from the Cardiff Permitting Service, Natural Resources Wales, 29 Newport Road, Cambria House, Cardiff, CF24 0TP Permittingconsultations@Naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Representations or objections in respect of the application should be made in writing to: Marine Licensing Team, Cardiff Permitting Service, Natural Resources Wales, 29 Newport Road, Cambria House, Cardiff, CF24 0TP, or e-mail marinelicensing@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Representations or objections should be made within 28 days of the date of this notice, quoting reference: **CML1936**

In your representation/objection please include an address to which correspondence may be sent.

Natural Resources Wales, acting on behalf of the Licensing Authority, will pass to the applicant a copy of any representation or objection received.

Quiz league questions

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. What does the name Singh mean in the Sanskrit language?

2. Which American author wrote the 2013 mystery thriller 'Inferno'?

3. What type of creature is a 'speckled wood'?

If you are interested in joining the League, visit bridgendquiz.com.

SK

ANSWERS: 1. Lion; 2. Dan Brown; 3. Butterfly.

Send your Harvest Festival notices to **editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk**

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR

I give notice that the following applications have been made. The application documents can be viewed during normal office hours at the Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB or on the planning page of the Council website. Anyone who wishes to make representations about these applications on land use planning grounds should write to the Council at the above address by the date specified under each category of application or submit their comments online. Observations received on applications are not acknowledged. Any representations submitted will be open to public inspection and objectors/supporters may be identified on the internet. The Development Control Committee operates public speaking arrangements. If you wish to register an intent to speak at Committee (should the application not be processed under delegated powers) please indicate in your response. For more information tel: 01656 643675.
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (WALES) ORDER 2012
P/19/624/FUL Construction of 102 dwellings together with associated infrastructure and landscaping - Parcel R20 Parc Derwen Coity by Persimmon Homes West Wales
P/19/656/RES Reserved matters for the construction of 2 blocks containing 9 commercial units and 44 flats above with parking and associated infrastructure - Land north of Heol Stradling Parc Derwen Coity by Persimmon Homes West Wales
RESPOND BY: 02/10/2019
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS & CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990
LISTED BUILDING CONSENT
P/19/672/LIS Installation of 2no. Automatic Opening Vent (AOV) rooflights within Block D - Former The Rest Home Rest Bay Porthcawl by The Rest (Porthcawl) Ltd
RESPOND BY: 09/10/2019

Jonathan Parsons - Group Manager Planning and Development Services / Rheolwr Grŵp Gwasanaethau Cynllunio a Datblygu 19/09/2019

Local WI news

Laleston WI

LALESTON WI met on September 5 with 25 members and one prospective new member present.

Final arrangements were made for the trip to The Mansion House, Cardiff, on October 2. All members who attended agreed that the trip to Brecon and fish and chip supper had been most enjoyable.

The Luncheon Club was scheduled for September 17 at The Harvester, McArthurGlen. Members were informed of the competition for a photograph of a Laleston landmark to go on the cover of next year's programme.

Next was the Harvest Auction, conducted by Mo Morgan as auctioneer with her usual humour, and all members rocked with laughter and managed to raise £120.10, to be donated to local charity Bridgend Riding for the Disabled.

Visitors are welcome to join the group for an insight into Women's Institute life. The WI meets on the first Thursday of each month at The Blandy Hall, Laleston at 7.15pm. For more information, call Diane Marshall on 01656 656600.

Mynydd Cynffig WI

MYNYDD Cynffig WI have trips and dates for their diaries; have started a Lunch Club which Jackie is organising and members are hoping it will be a good addition to the list of activities.

Several members are interested in the Craft Spectacular in Margam Orangery and with Christmas looming on the horizon, it's a chance to get early presents.

The speaker was Marianne Harman, her topic was 'Exercises for the older generation.' What a good time the group had, with everyone exercising to music. There was much laughter, and she showed everyone that you can exercise at any age.

Next month, members will be entertained by Helen Latimer with 'Puppetry from Puppet Theatre Wales'.

The group meets at Talbot Centre, Kenfig Hill from 2pm to 4.30pm.

Christine Callaghan

More than £800 raised at BBF awards bash

THE Bridgend Business Forum (BBF) Awards 2019 took place at the Coed-y-Mwstwr Hotel, Coychurch recently.

Organised by Bridgend Business Forum and supported by Bridgend County Borough Council, the awards recognise and reward excellence across all sizes and sectors of business in the county borough.

The winners in each category were:

Business Student of the Year: Daniel Ralph, Blue Bench Media.

Start-up Business of the Year: Leaf Kitchens & Bedrooms Ltd.

Manufacturing Business of the Year: Rockwool UK Ltd.

Service Business of the Year: Neuro Physio Wales Ltd.

Bridgend Tourism Business of the Year: The Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales.

Entrepreneur of the Year: Lauren Cooper, Virtual Wales.

Creative Industries Award: Wales Interactive Ltd.

Professional Service Business of the Year: Howells Solicitors.

Innovative Business of the Year: Spectrum Technologies Ltd.

Rockwool UK Ltd scooped the overall title of 'Bridgend Business of the Year 2019'.

More than £800 was raised at the event in aid of the Mayor's Charity Appeal 2019/20, for this year's nominated charity, PRIDE Cymru.

This year's awards sponsors included: Berry Smith Lawyers; Business in Focus; MakeUK, the manufacturer's organisation; Graham Paul Chartered Accountants; Cymraeg Byd Busnes; Development Bank of Wales; Handelsbanken; Magenta Financial Planning; BEEP and the Health & Safety Executive; SME Finance Partners;

The Development Bank of Wales, United Graphic Design and main sponsor, Valleys to Coast Housing. **TV**

'Prison-like' Bridgend housing vetoed

A DEVELOPMENT of 41 houses in Bridgend has been turned down over fears it would create a "prison" environment for residents.

The plans, submitted by Hafod Housing Association and Jehu, involve a section of land next to Wyndham Close and the Brackla Industrial Estate. It includes 13 one-bed flats, 18 two-bed houses, nine three-bed houses and a four-bed house, which would be classed as "affordable housing". However, due to the site being next to the industrial estate, noise mitigation measures would have the homes built behind acoustic fences up to 2.5m high and all windows sealed.

Council officers recommended the plans be turned down, as the measures would create a "prison" environment that should not be supported. A report which went before BCBC's development control committee on September 12, said: "The site is so closely related to noise sources from road traffic and nearby businesses that the level of mitigation required would create living spaces that could not offer an acceptable environment for future residents."

Cllr John Spanswick said: "I would welcome this application if it was somewhere else. Living in sealed boxes is not the way forward."

Businesses on the industrial estate signed a petition objecting to the development, saying the land was reserved as a "green wedge" in the adopted Bridgend Local Development Plan to avoid conflict between the residents of the Brackla housing estate and the industrial estate and said removing its protection would put 300 jobs at risk on the industrial estate. Hafod Housing Association said its application was submitted on the back of the local authority's positive pre-application response and was disappointed the council had made a u-turn on the much-needed affordable housing for residents against a shortfall in land supply. Council officers said while similar sound-proofing measures had been used on nearby housing developments, the situation where all habitable room windows would be sealed was difficult to support.

Liz Bradfield, LDRS.

Eligible parents are urged to apply for school uniform grant cash

A NEW council report shows the families of about 300 children in Bridgend have yet to take advantage of the Pupil Development Grant (PDG), awarded by the Welsh Government to local authorities to help provide assistance to families on low incomes, and in receipt of free school meals.

For 2019-20 Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has received a grant of just over £200,000 to help eligible pupils.

So far it has processed 1,120 applications but says there's potentially a further 290 remaining to be claimed and the deadline for claiming is December 31.

The value of the grant is up to £125 for each eligible pupil with the exception of those entering year-7, who can receive up to £200.

It can be used to buy:

• School uniform including coats and shoes.

• School sports kit including footwear.

• Uniform for enrichment activities, such as scouts, guides, cadets, martial arts, sports, performing arts or dance.

• Various equipment including school bags and stationery.

• Equipment for out of school hours trips, for example waterproof clothing.

At a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, September 17, councillors encouraged families to apply for the grant if they think they're eligible.

Council leader Huw David said: "We don't want anyone to miss out in Bridgend.

"We know lots of families really do struggle to find the money to pay for school uniforms. If you have two or three children it can be a particularly significant cost for a parent or carer."

Parents of eligible primary school pupils receive the full grant payment by cheque or Bacs payment upon application.

Eligible pupils in secondary and special schools receive a combination of a uniform pack or voucher for redemption at an approved supplier and a "cash" top-up by Bacs to the full value of the grant upon application.

To date, 512 grants have been awarded to primary school pupils, 36 to pupils attending special schools, and 561 to secondary school pupils.

Parents can apply for the grant by requesting, completing and returning the application form to their school.

In 2018-19, the PDG Access Grant replaced the former Welsh Government School Uniform Grant for pupils in receipt of free school meals and entering secondary school.

It was then extended to include free school meals pupils of reception age.

For 2019-20, the grant has been further extended to include pupils who are eligible for free school meals and entering reception, year-3, year-7 and year-10 in primary, secondary and special schools, resource bases and pupil referral units.

In a report which went before BCBC's cabinet on Tuesday, September 17, officers said pupils with a protected entitlement to free school meals, as a consequence of the implementation of Universal Credit, were not eligible for the grant.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Councillor blasts 'ridiculous' price hike on sports pitches

BRIDGEND council has been accused of trying to "frighten" sports clubs into taking on the running of pitches by hiking prices.

Clubs in the county borough face having to pay more than £40,000 a year if they want to continue to use outdoor facilities, a councillor has warned.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has said it can no longer afford to take care of pitches and pavilions for the public due to ongoing local government cuts.

It wants sports clubs and town and community councils to take on facilities themselves through its community asset transfer (CAT) process, and have said that if they don't, facilities will eventually disappear.

New figures show the potential scale of charges from April 2020. They involve rugby and football clubs paying £200 every time they use a pitch and about £100 every time they use a sports pavilion – five times the amount they pay currently.

At a scrutiny committee meeting on September 5, Cllr David Lewis said it would leave a rugby club like Tondu having to pay in excess of £40,000 to use the facilities, based on the number of teams it has and with 30 weekends in a season. He called it "ridiculous" and accused officers of putting in the figures to "frighten" clubs into undertaking CATs.

Meanwhile, bowls clubs would have to pay £28,500 a year while cricket clubs would need to pay £27,500 per season for pitches.

BCBC chief executive Mark Shephard said the figures related to the current level of subsidy the council had been paying for clubs to play and that clubs would have to rethink their priorities.

He said: "This is about trying to sustain facilities for future generations. We are saying we will not be able to afford to run them. By default, these facilities will close, not necessarily immediately. If I was a rugby or football club I would be talking now about creating an all sports association."

However, councillors said they wanted to see a breakdown of the maintenance costs, saying they believed they were "extremely inflated".

Zak Shell, head of operations for community services, told councillors: "Full cost recovery is the backstop for those who don't want to engage with the CAT process. None of this is ideal – we are closing pavilions as we speak."

A recent public consultation on the proposals saw more than 2,100 people respond with 43 per cent saying that sports organisations should consider taking responsibility for playing fields and pavilions while almost a third were against, and a quarter unsure.

Almost half said that the town and community councils should consider taking on the responsibility for the running of sports pitches and pavilions with a quarter of respondents being against.

At the scrutiny meeting, councillors said the consultation had not made it clear that the precept people pay to town and community councils would likely have to increase to fund the additional responsibilities.

Half of the respondents also said community groups who took on long leases to take care of facilities should be allowed to put up fences around the perimeter while a quarter said they should not be permitted.

Mr Shell admitted enclosing pitches was a "very thorny issue".

The council currently oversees 39 playing fields and 40 pavilions, the majority of which it says are in a poor state of repair.

It aims to cut £369,000 from the communities budget by either transferring outdoor sports facilities to community groups or charging clubs full cost recovery.

The scrutiny committee's recommendations will go before cabinet when it considers the outcome of the consultation report next month.

First phase of Guide Hall revamp completed

GIRLGUIDING Porthcawl said a huge "thank you" this week to the people who have helped with their Guide Hall renovation project.

The 4th Porthcawl Brownies, who meet in the hall, welcomed visitors including members of the Porthcawl Lions, Porthcawl Rotary, Porthcawl Town Council as well as Porthcawl Mayor Graham Walter, Mrs Case and the Christmas Morning Swim Committee.

Around 25 people came to see the completed first phase of the renovation project of the South Road hall, where Guides and Brownies have met since 1929.

Donna Jacka, Porthcawl Girlguiding Commissioner, said: "We recognised that the Hall needed some serious work and major refurbishment to ensure we could continue to give girls in Porthcawl the opportunities Girlguiding offers.

"It is a big project and we are extremely grateful to all the organisations, individuals, parents and girls who have supported us so far. We have almost finished work on the main hall and the attic space, and are now into our second phase of fundraising to complete the insulation, renew the kitchen and toilets and provide shower facilities."

When the project is completed, the hall will be used by local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides and will also be available to other organisations for meetings and events.

Anyone interested in helping with the project or volunteering with Girlguiding should contact Ms Jacka on 07842321380.

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Golfers raise money for RNLI

A cheque for £3,500 being handed over to representatives from Porthcawl's RNLI

THE Royal Porthcawl Golf Club annual charity day took place on August 1 with a full field of 155 players taking part in Rest Bay.

Chairman of the RNLI fundraising committee David Shillaw and fellow committee member Jeff John attended the event.

The Mayor of Porthcawl, representatives from the town's RNLI were invited to attend a drinks reception and cheque presentation on September 3.

Club captain Rhys James, presented a cheque to Mr Shillaw and expressed his sincere appreciation for the service provided by Porthcawl RNLI particularly in light of being announced as the busiest life station in Wales for 2018.

Royal Porthcawl Golf Club is committed to making a difference in the community by supporting charities and businesses, participating in community projects and providing employment opportunities. The annual charity day was originally set up to support the old rest home and in recent years has donated to Sandville self help centre and Lifeguard Clubs of Porthcawl.

Bridgend dubbed anti-social hotspot

BRIDGEND has been identified as an area that experiences repeat incidents of anti-social behaviour and site trespass, including on railway lines, on the Wales and Borders route, Network Rail has revealed.

Network Rail, Transport for Wales Rail and the British Transport Police are calling on those involved to understand the grave risks and consequences involved in taking part in such activities.

Repeat locations, as they are known, are monitored every four weeks throughout the year. The latest figures highlight that in the last 12 months, Pyle had 21 recorded incidents, Bridgend 19 and Pencoed 16, with a total of 56 incidents within the Bridgend County Borough boundary.

Bill Kelly, Network Rail's route director for Wales and Borders, said: "The railway network is not a place where anyone should ever consider trespassing. It is a very dangerous place to be and can have catastrophic implications for those involved, for the passengers on the trains and for our staff who work the network. The dangers of trespassing may seem obvious, but there are also many hidden dangers present on the railway.

"I urge anyone involved in this activity to cease immediately to avoid any serious consequences. I also call on adults who sometimes cross our railways to make their exit from a station quicker, to stop this immediately and exit all stations in the appropriate and safe manner. Many young people look to adults to set an example and if they see adults casually trespassing on the railway, then it's logical that this will send them the absolutely wrong message about this activity."

Transport for Wales Security Manager Simon Turton said: "It's so important that people treat the railway with respect and understand the devastating consequences of trespassing on the tracks and anti-social behaviour.

"Whether it is people taking a short cut or simply messing around, please just think 'is it really worth risking losing life or limb over?'

"Not every train stops at every station; some are fast services coming through at speed while we also see freight traffic coming through our stations and modern trains which are incredibly quiet, so you should never, ever assume it is safe to go onto the track.

"We work closely with Network Rail and British Transport Police to cut down on these incidents, but we need the public's support too, because none of us want to see anyone get hurt on the railway."

Inspector Michael Edwards from British Transport Police added: "We're on hand in the region 24/7 to disrupt and investigate any reports of trespass and anti-social behaviour. The railway is a highly dangerous environment and anyone seeking to trespass on the lines is not only committing an offence, they're risking their lives.

"If you witness anything contact BTP by texting 61016 or call 0800 40 50 40. In an emergency, always call 999."

Network Rail, along with the wider rail industry and British Transport Police, have developed a campaign called You vs. Train. The aim of the campaign is to target teenagers and encourage them to think about the serious consequences for them and their loved ones when it comes to trespassing on the railway.

For more information about the You vs. Train campaign, visit the website.

Housebuilder's cash for Cowbridge

TAYLOR Wimpey has announced that all is going to plan with its development at Clare Garden Village (formerly known as Darren Farm) on the outskirts of Cowbridge.

In particular, the company says that it will be providing more than £5 million which will be spent in and around Cowbridge by the Vale Council.

A spokesperson for Taylor Wimpey said: "As part of the planning agreement for its Clare Garden Village development in Cowbridge, Taylor Wimpey South Wales will be providing over £5,420,000 to the Vale Council to help improve facilities for local residents in Cowbridge.

"Over £950,000 will go towards the Sustainable Transport Contribution and over £4,131,000 will be given to local schools to boost education facilities. A contribution of £200,000 will also be made to enhance community facilities and 40 per cent of homes will be allocated to affordable housing."

A recently-announced expansion of St David's Church-in-Wales Primary School in Colwinston may have played a part in local speculation that a new primary school, which was included in plans for Clare Garden Village, may not now be built.

A Vale Council spokesperson told The GEM: "As part of the section 106 agreement for this development, Taylor Wimpey has agreed to provide a two-hectare site on which the council will build a school.

"The council has also secured £4,131,866 for education, which can be used either to build the school or at Y Bont Faen, Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, St David's Primary, Cowbridge Comprehensive School, and Ysgol Bro Morgannwg."

Sara Taylor, Sales and Marketing Director at Taylor Wimpey South Wales, said: "We are committed to building high-quality new homes and making sure that our developments are sustainable and positively contribute to local communities.

"Education, transport infrastructure and community facilities are all among the areas that benefit from planning contributions, and we are delighted to be providing these facilities as part of our Clare Garden Village development."

Latest results from Bridgend Bridge Club

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follow.

The summer competition was played over five weeks in August: first, Debbie Lea; second, Maggie Ashpole; third, Dave Lea.

On September 4: first, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, David Crompton and David Bowen; third, Kevin Maddox and Tony Haworth. The winners on handicap were David Crompton and David Bowen.

On September 6: first, Steve Burgoyne and John Evans; second, Jane Brook and Wendy Williams; third, Norma and David Newman. The winners on handicap were Chris Rawlings and Teresa Griffiths.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton church hall. On Thursday afternoons at 2pm there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding. All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

A new course of bridge lessons have started on Monday afternoons at Nolton church hall from 3:15pm to 5:15pm and it's not too late to join the course. For more information, call Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or email Steve at steve@steveburgoyne.plus.com.

Time to exercise your little grey cells

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League.

1. Which comic character lived in Bunkerton Castle?

2. Aberama Gold is a character in which TV series?

3. The spelling of which two English counties differ by one letter?

If you are interested in joining the League, visit bridgendquiz.com.

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Nancy's news from Treoes

PUPILS in Llangan Primary School are supporting the Rotary Club of Cowbridge to collect milk bottle tops for recycling and to raise funds for polio vaccinations.

St Mary Hill Church will celebrate its Harvest Festival service on Sunday, September 15 at 11.15am; all are assured of a warm welcome: an ideal time to meet friends and neighbours.

Saron Chapel in Treoes celebrated Harvest Festival on September 8, the service conducted by Nicole Thomas. **Nancy Davidge.**

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Demands for resignations in cattle market row

CONSERVATIVES in Cowbridge have criticised the town's three Vale Independent councillors for failing to protect its historic cattle market from closure.

Vale of Glamorgan Council have informed Glamorgan Marts, the market's operator, that its licence for the current site will not be extended beyond March next year.

At full council on September 9, councillors considered a motion proposed by Shadow Cabinet Member for Corporate Performance and Resources Cllr George Carroll and seconded by Cllr Andrew RT Davies.

It called on the council to act on its own feasibility study, which recommended an out of town multi-purpose site be identified, and warned that if the current market closed before a replacement was up and running, it was unlikely to ever reopen.

However, the motion was defeated after all Labour and Vale Independent members, including Cowbridge councillors Hunter Jarvie, Andrew Parker and Geoff Cox, voted against.

Cllr Carroll said: "The cattle market is a key part of Cowbridge's heritage as a market town, and I fear that once it's gone it will be gone forever.

"I accept that it cannot stay where it is, and that it needs to move to an out of town location.

"Indeed, moves to increase parking capacity in the town are to be welcomed, though there must of course be proper consultation with residents and local traders.

"However, the council's own feasibility study is clear that the current site must not close until an alternative is up and running.

"It is bitterly disappointing our motion was rejected and that the council has failed in its duty to protect such a precious part of the town's heritage."

Cllrs Cox, Jarvie and Parker were elected to represent Cowbridge as Conservatives in 2017, but now sit as Vale Independents and prop up a Labour administration.

Cowbridge Conservative spokesman and town councillor Russell Spencer Downe criticised them for failing to stand up for local people, and called on them to resign and face by-elections.

Cllr Downe said: "The people of Cowbridge have been left without representation following the decision of the three councillors to defect. Just like with the Physic Garden, they have once again failed to stand up for the town, and should resign and put their decision to change allegiance to the people in by-elections.

"Cowbridge Conservatives remain steadfast in our determination to stand up for the town, and will continue to fight to secure the future of our historic cattle market."

Cllr Leighton Rowlands

The GEM approached the Vale of Glamorgan Council for comment, but none was received by the deadline.

Arrests made after construction site fire

POLICE have arrested two teenagers after a fire at a building in St Teilo Avenue, Barry, on Wednesday (September 10) evening.

Emergency services rushed to the property, which was under construction, at around 11pm.

Officers have arrested two 14-year-old boys on suspicion on arson and are in police custody.

PC Gareth Owens, an officer in the case, said: "This was a serious incident which has caused significant damage at the construction site.

"While we have people in custody, enquiries are still very much ongoing and I would appeal to anyone who believes they have information which could assist the investigation, to come forward."

He added: "In particular, I would like to hear from a member of the public who stopped their vehicle to tell an officer they had seen two males tampering with a fire hydrant."

Anyone with information should call 101 quoting reference number 1900334909 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Llantwit athletes in Newfoundland

LLANTWIT Major Powerlifters Stephanie Fleming and Tracy O'Callaghan are preparing for their trip to Newfoundland, Canada after being selected to represent Wales in the Commonwealth Championships.

This is the second time Stephanie has been selected to lift for Wales, but it will be her first international level competition.

Tracy last competed at the Commonwealth Championships in Vancouver in 2015 and has represented Great Britain on numerous occasions since then, notably securing the European Women's Masters title in 2018.

Both women will be competing against lifters from Canada, England, Northern Ireland, Cameroon, Sri Lanka, and India.

Selection comes after many hard months of training, but the trip was itself was only made possible thanks to a generous sponsorship from Farmers Pantry, who offered to cover travel expenses.

Both women were thrilled to be given the opportunity to represent their country.

"Our sport is purely self funded, and with competitions in such far-flung places, it is sometimes difficult to say 'yes' when you are told you are selected.

"The support from Rhodri, Gaynor and Dawie at Farmers Pantry has been amazing. We feel very blessed to be living in such a wonderful town with great support from the community.

"We can't wait to get out there, compete with world's best, and hopefully bring back some medals!"

The sponsorship has the girls starring in their own online commercial for Farmers Pantry, with a *Gofundme* page also providing further funds for the trip. Dawie Beyers, manager at Farmers Pantry, added: "As a local business, without our shop and wholesale customers we wouldn't be able to support Stephanie and Tracy in making their dreams come true.

"If you would like to support the ladies in their quest, for every £1 donated Farmers Pantry will match it.

"Go to the Farmers Pantry Facebook page and click on the *Gofundme* link under their video, which I must thank Richard Arnold at Waffle for producing. Good luck ladies – and bring the silverware home!"

The competition runs until September 21 with the event being streamed online.

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Annual open day for Sully U3A

AT Sully U3A's annual Open Day on September 12, 27 groups made themselves available to welcome both prospective new members and existing members looking for something new to do.

Various sports, creative arts and music, languages and other leisure activities were represented.

Also present were those hoping to start up new groups – fishing, reading Shakespeare and yoga have been suggested.

U3A groups are spread across the country, formed by retired or semi-retired people who wish to try something new or share their knowledge and skills with others.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, October 10 at 2pm in the Old School, Sully when Cathy Farr will speak about 'Writing with Wolfhounds'.

For the full list of activities and for more membership information, visit: u3asites.org.uk/sully/home, or email membership@sullyu3a.co.uk.

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What's on...

Alzheimer's month

SEPTEMBER is Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

Jane Weldon, Dementia Champion in the Vale will hold a session at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, September 24 from 10am to 12pm; advice and support for carers. Services in the Vale can help alleviate the strain of continuous caring; no appointment is needed, just come along. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Markets in Cowbridge

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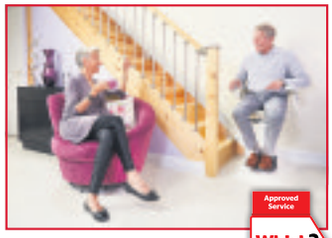

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A ship-shape first season for local sailing charity

FOLLOWING its official launch last October, Celtic Capability Sailing is celebrating its first successful year.

The RYA-accredited charity, based at the Barry Community Water Activity Centre, was created to offer sailing experiences to a wide range of people that would like to try sailing, with or without disabilities, with the focus on capability, not disability, and with an aim to grow a diverse and inclusive sailing community.

The team consists of more than 15 volunteers, all with a wealth of sailing knowledge, expertise and practical skills who are lending their skills to every aspect of this project.

When not on the water, the Capability Sailing Team is involved in events, fundraisers and business functions promoting the charity's services. One such event is The Autism Directory Live Expo, taking place at Cardiff City Stadium on September 27.

This show will provide face-to-face access to the services, resources and provisions that are there to help individuals and families living with autism, and the professionals who support them.

Capability Sailing has also partnered with Jubilee Sailing Trust, and are holding a fundraiser on September 29 at The Lookout in Cardiff Bay.

With the best view in Cardiff Bay and themed around 'A Day At The Races' with tote betting on several competitions, this informal event promises to be packed with fun as well as raising money for both worthy charities.

Tickets (£10) are available through Eventbrite or on the door, and include a picnic and entertainment by Leighton Jones.

Contact Capability at www.capability-sailing.co.uk, via any social media channels or directly at admin@cababilitysailing.co.uk, or search for #capabilitynotdisability.

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Volunteers being sought

THE Attic Project is a decluttering and reminiscence initiative that's looking for volunteers.

The scheme supports vulnerable people aged 50-plus to declutter their homes, making space for adaptations and repairs so people can live more comfortably.

Volunteer Anne said: "I am so pleased I could help Mrs Edwards to clear space.

"Now she's less likely to fall and her Occupational Therapist has given the green light for the hip replacement she's desperate for. It's been a great experience, I've really enjoyed finding out more about her adventures and the special moments in her life."

Helping people to sort through long-accumulated belongings and decide what to do with them can be really rewarding and many items hold meaningful memories that are a gateway to fascinating stories.

To find out about the different volunteering opportunities with the Attic Project, please contact Safer Wales on 02920 220 033.

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Topping Out ceremony at Cardiff's HMS Cambria

MORGAN Sindall Construction has celebrated reaching the half-way stage of its work delivering a major head office and training facility at HMS Cambria, the lead Royal Naval Reserve Unit in Wales, with a topping out ceremony.

First established in 1947, HMS Cambria was originally based in Cardiff Docks until moving to Sully in 1980, creating what is today known as Cardiff Bay. The new site will be home to the Royal Naval Reserve, Royal Marines Reserve and University Royal Naval Units.

Construction at the Cardiff Bay site began in January, with the 3,755 square metre steel-framed facility expected to be completed by the beginning of 2020.

The new build headquarters will replace the existing HMS Cambria in Sully and will continue to serve as the headquarters for maritime Reservists across Wales.

The new building will provide accommodation for up to 50 people, alongside a modern office environment with 80 workspaces, several training and classroom suites, a fitness room and a large, multi-purpose dining room. Outside, there will be a Royal Marine rope training area, car park and parade square.

The project is being delivered through the joint partnership of Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association (RFCA) for Wales and Associated British Ports, South Wales (ABP South Wales).

Its commission forms part of the Future Reserves 2020 (FR20) programme initiated by the previous Prime Minister to encourage growth and investment in the UK's Reserve Forces.

External work on the building is nearing completion, with both cladding and roof works successfully completed.

Work has now begun on the installation of mechanic and electrical systems across all four storeys.

The topping out ceremony was attended by numerous organisations including representatives from ABP, construction consultants, Gleeds, and the Royal Navy.

Rob Williams, area director for Morgan Sindall Construction, said: "Today is a great opportunity to celebrate progress with an enjoyable event for everyone involved in this great project."

"When complete, the new look HMS Cambria will represent a significant improvement to the Royal Navy's infrastructure and a fit-for-purpose Reservist's training centre.

Alongside other new public buildings such as the BBC and HMRC facilities in Cardiff's Central Square, the Cambria building will boost the local economy. We are proud to be able to work in close collaboration with the ABP and RFCA on such an iconic community asset."

Andrew Harston, Regional Director for ABP in Wales, commented: "We were delighted that ABP's Port of Cardiff was chosen as the site for this future strategic facility and now that it is clad, people can really see the positive impact that HMS Cambria will make in Cardiff Bay".

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Golf day raises £3,800 for carers charity, despite the weather!

FAMILY-RUN construction firm, Jehu Group, invited 20 teams from partner companies in Wales and across the bridge, to take on 18 holes at Cottrell Park Golf Club to raise money to support carers across Wales recently.

Despite the awful weather during the first half of the event, the golf day raised more than £3,800 across the four-ball competition.

In addition to funds raised directly from the golf, partner organisations donated raffle prizes for a silent auction for a chance to win a Welsh rugby shirt signed by the World Cup team, donated by Encon Insulation.

The team from Roberts Limbrick had a successful day, winning the competition with a score of 93, and picking up best individual player award with Alex Palmer scoring an impressive 43.

Dafydd Cantwell, Director of Land and Partnerships at Jehu Group said: "It was fantastic to see so many teams getting involved with our inaugural golf day and competition. The weather wasn't the best, but it didn't dampen any spirits and we raised a great amount for our chosen charity, the Carers Trust Wales.

Thanks to everyone who joined us and hopefully, we will see everyone again for next year's competition."

The prizes were presented by Simon Hatch, Director of Carers Trust Wales, who added: "I was delighted to attend the golf day and we are grateful to the Jehu team who put in an incredible effort to host such a fantastic event to raise funds for our charity.

"Three in five people will become a carer in their lifetime, and the funds raised through this event will support us to continue to deliver action, information and support for Wales' 370,000 unpaid carers.

"Thank you to Jehu and their business partners for your continued support."

The companies represented at the golf day included Hugh James solicitors, Asbri Planning, SET Office Supplies, Fusion Building Systems, Candleston Homes, Spring Design, WYG, Roberts Limbrick, Blake Morgan, Quad Consult, Concept Fire & Electrical, ISTL Engineering, Gibbs Surfacing, Ramtech Electronics, Encon Insulation, AC Roof Trusses, Keyline and Cemex.

The Jehu Group will continue to raise money for the charity over the next year, with their annual triathlon on September 27, when 80 individuals and 50 teams will join Olympic triathletes, Helen and Marc Jenkins.

For more information about the triathlon, visit http://walespropertytriathlon.com/.

Simon Jehu, Rene Jehu and Simon Hatch are pictured at the fundraising event held at Cottrell Park Golf Club.

Award recognises how a local woman turned her life round

Rayner Davies with her Wales Institute of Directors 'Family Director of the Year' award. (Photograph by Huw John).

A BRIDGEND woman is on her way to the finals of a UK national business competition after winning the Wales Institute of Directors' Family Director of the year award.

For Rayner Davies, it was something that she could not have imagined after leaving school with only one GCSE, having her first baby at the age of 16 and claiming benefits.

At the age of 19, she had her second child and soon realised that for the life she wanted to live, it was impossible to be a young mother on benefits.

She found a job as a community care worker but the burning desire to prove that she was more than a teen mum on benefits grew stronger.

At the age of 23, Rayner decided to try going self-employed. With the qualifications and skills she had, she decided to offer a local ironing service. Four months later she was able to leave her care job and fully focus on the start of her business journey.

Rayner now runs A&R Contract cleaning with her husband Ashley Davies which was set up in 2010.

She could see that with Ashley on board, the business really had potential but, as with any family run business trying to grow, there were challenges in the early years.

Rayner had been diagnosed with depression from the age of 19, and raising a family and lack of business knowledge were obstacles that did not stop them from growing the business with sheer drive and determination.

Fast forward to 2019, and Ashley and Rayner's A&R Contract Cleaning Services has diversified in the services they offer and are proud that they now employ nearly 200 staff, providing professional commercial cleaning to 150 clients, including two of their largest clients One Central Square and the new Two Central Square Hugh James.

They have won awards before. In 2017/18 they were in the 'Fast Growth 50' list – to name but one.

However, the 'Director of the Year – Family Business' at the Institute of Directors of Wales was a bit special!

Rayner said: "To that award was simply mind blowing. To go on to the national awards in London is something that I am so proud of.

"From where I have come from and the challenges I have faced in life and in business to where I am today with a successful business and two teenage children is something, I am immensely proud of and will always be something I will treasure."

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Ploughing and Hedging match results

RESULTS from the recent Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging Society annual ploughing match held at Ty Draw Farm are:

Ferguson Class: First, Andrew Drinkwater; second, John Evans; third, Will John; fourth, David Adams.

Open Vintage Trailer: First, Gordon Harries; second, Andrew Isaac.

Open Vintage Hydraulic: First, Tony Bradley; second, Garry Whitehouse; third, Jeremy Jacobs; fourth, John Thomas.

Classic: First, Jon Cole; second, Alan Davies; third, Ceri Richards; fourth, David Nicholas.

World Style: First, Morgan Evans.

Novice: First, Andrew Mabbett; second, David Whitehead; third, Josh Beames; fourth, Justin Cooke.

Commercial Reversible: first, Lloyd Thomas; second, Rob Matthews; third, David Brown; fourth, Luke Morgan.

The judges for the match were Ron Hughes, Ivian Thomas, John Tucker, Derek Needham and Cyril Creasey. The head steward was John Thomas.

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What's on in your area?

Valeways walks

ON Thursday, September 19 at 2.30pm, the Penarth Coffee Shop Strollers meet at the cliff top car park.

On Sunday, September 22 at 2pm, 'The end of summer!' starts at St Peter's Church, Mill Road, Dinas Powys.

On Wednesday, September 25 at 10.30am, the Cosmeston Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside the visitor centre at Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on September 25 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major Coffee Shop Strollers meet at Llantwit Major town hall.

On Thursday, September 26 at 10am, 'To celebrate her birthday', a seven-mile walk starting at the Victoria Inn, Sigingstone, CF71 7LP.

Also on September 26 at 10.30am, a walk for carers, starting at Barry Island railway station.

National Moth Night event

COME to Old Hall Gardens in Cowbridge on Friday, September 27, between 8pm and midnight to see what is attracted to special light traps.

The event is weather dependant; bring a torch. Enquiries to 01446 781423.

Moths will be on display on Saturday, September 28 from 10am to 12 noon before they are released. On the same day, there will be a free family event in Cowbridge Library, from 2pm to 2.30pm. Telephone 01446 773491 for more information.

Change of PACT meeting

THE Caerau PACT to be held at Noddfa Community Centre on September 23 at 6pm has been changed to Mondday, October 7 at 6pm.

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English Speaking Union holds annual general meeting at Cardiff

THE south Wales branch of the English Speaking Union held its AGM at Cardiff City Stadium on September 9. Longstanding chairman Derek Morgan and his wife, Anne, received presentations before handing over to Stephen Purcell, the newly elected chairman.

Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards presided over the occasion.

The meeting was followed by a talk from Dr Isabel Williams on the heroes of the Antarctic expeditions, with special reference to Shackleton.

Left Picture: Derek (retiring chairman), Anne Morgan, Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards (ESU president) and Stephen Purcell (newly elected chairman). Right Picture: Jean and Hugh Morris, Liz Stokes, Martin Hooker, Gloria Morgan and Gabriel Hooker.

A feral cat can help solve your rodent problems

CATS Protection, Bridgend is offering the perfect solution to anyone in need of an environmentally-friendly pest control service, with many feral cats in need of a new home.

Colonies of feral cats often find themselves homeless, usually as a result of inner city and rural development.

But their useful predatory skills, coupled with Cats Protection's rehoming services, can secure them a better future, according to Sue Dobbs, centre manager.

She said: "Most feral cats prefer the freedom of a working life to a comfortable lap in suburbia.

"We have had some very positive feedback in terms of reduced rodent problems from the many farms, stables and warehouses that have adopted a feral or two from us."

A pair of feral cats can provide a highly efficient and environmentally-friendly alternative to chemical pest control.

Garden centres, golf clubs, smallholdings, farms, stables, shops; in fact, anywhere where there is room to roam and rodents to catch, will provide working cats with a suitable environment in which to live and work.

Owners must be prepared to provide their feline employees with food, water, shelter and veterinary care when needed, none of which will affect their desire to catch prey.

Cats Protection promotes neutering as the only effective way to control the number of both domestic and feral cats and helps around 28,000 ferals per year through its trap, neuter and return or relocation work.

While feral kittens aged up to 12 weeks can be successfully 'socialised' and rehomed in a normal home environment, this is not usually possible with adult ferals. Once they have been neutered, volunteers return them to their colony where a sustainable one exists, or find them a new home in a suitable environment where they can thrive and work hard doing what they like best.

If you would like to provide a home for a feral cat contact Cats Protection, Bridgend on 01656 724396 or email bridgend@cats.org.uk.

(See advert on page 3 for more information).

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Oakfield pupils mark Roald Dahl Day with fancy dress

Porthcawl is a traditional school with a proven track record of excellence for all.

GCSE, AS and A2 results consistently compare very favourably with local and national figures.

Key Stage 3 Results 2019

98% Year 9 pupils gained Level 5 or more in their subjects

GCSE Results 2019

- 77% of results achieved at GCSE were at Grades A*- C (Welsh National average 63%)
- A third of all GCSEs sat gained an A*/A (Welsh National average 18%)
- 2 out of every 5 pupils on average achieved 5 or more GCSEs at Grades A*/A

A Level Performance 2019

- 76% of results were at Grade C and above
- 26% of results were at Grade A*/A
- A third of pupils achieved 3 A Levels at Grades A*- C
- 34% of pupils secured places at Russell Group Universities

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The school has been delighted to welcome our new Year 7 and Sixth Form pupils - once again many joining us from out of catchment.

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Further information can be found on the school website: www.porthcawlschool.co.uk

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New for 2019: the Vale Makers Market and Festival

Members of the Vale Makers group are keen to meet the public!

THE Vale Makers Network is hosting its first Vale Makers Market in Old Hall, Cowbridge, on September 20 and 21.

The unique market is a great opportunity to try something new and buy truly distinctive products while visiting the beautiful rural town.

The event is part of the wider Vale Makers Festival taking place in two weeks, and includes masterclasses, exhibitions, open studios and pop up shops.

The Makers Market will showcase a vast range of high quality items including stained glass, basket weaving, ceramics and textiles.

The project has received funding through the Vale Council and the Wales Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

Creative Rural Communities has been working closely with makers to develop the Vale Makers Network where like-minded people can come together and make exciting things happen.

Cllr Lis Burnett, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning said: "We have such a wide range of great talent in the Vale and this exciting development is an ideal way for the makers to showcase their work, reach new audiences and encourage visitors throughout the rural Vale of Glamorgan.

"I'll certainly be popping in."

The Makers Market will take place at Old Hall from 10.30am – 4pm on both days, and more details about the other festival events can be found at www.valemakers.org or @valemakers.

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News from the Fonmon Apiary – who'd be a drone?

THE beekeeping literature that we beekeepers use as a guide is decidedly becoming out-dated!

Why? It says that in September, super boxes that are not being used should be removed and the drawn out combs in them stored to prevent attacks by wax moths and mice, and that any colony that does not have sufficient stores should be fed.

We can purchase a commercially made liquid foodstuff and by feeding this, we ensure that a colony has a good chance of surviving the winter months.

However, all my colonies are still very active and thanks to the prevailing weather, foragers are still at work.

I have colonies with two or three supers on them that are well stocked with honey and pollen, so I could take off some of the surplus honey – decisions, decisions!

As ever, it is the weather conditions and the time of year that dominates in the beekeeping world.

The ladies in the hive, who run the show, are well aware of the lessening of daylight hours and they are acting accordingly. The likelihood of swarming is diminishing, and this equates to no new queens emerging and consequently, any drones whose function is to mate with new queens, will not now be required – they have to go!

When I check on the colonies, I can observe the ladies evicting the drones from the hives. They will not be allowed re-entry, and so will die of starvation, cold or are even stung to death by the ladies.

Honeybees do not hibernate. With the milder winters, colonies are active when they should be settled into winter survival mode.

Any activity requires an energy resource; this will be met by consuming their winter stores, so if the beekeeper is not on the ball, there is every possibility that all this activity will mean the colony running out of food due to being active when they should be inactive.

So do I leave the supers on and ignore the instruction in the available literature?

I do have a winter move pending and want the hives lighter and not too high – but will I make the right decision?

Harold Williams

Athlete's 380-mile ultra triathlon

Josh Llewellyn-Jones will also be putting in an appearance at an employee wellbeing event next month.

A MAN with cystic fibrosis will be swimming 21 miles, cycling 200 miles and running 160 miles in just five days – all in the name of charity.

Josh Llewellyn-Jones, an athlete and world record holder for lifting 1,000,000 kilos in under 24-hours, will be raising money for CF Warriors and Rays of Sunshine during his ultra triathlon.

His challenge, which gets underway on October 7, will see him swim the width of the English Channel and then cycle from Dover to Twickenham Stadium before running from the sports venue to Cardiff.

For medical reasons, the swimming section will take place in a pool at Dover Leisure Centre from 7am.

Mr Llewellyn-Jones said: "My personal challenges are extreme in nature because I feel it is important to show the world what the human body and mind is capable of despite having cystic fibrosis. My mission is to motivate and inspire everyone to be the best they can be."

CF Warriors is a cystic fibrosis charity which helps children get into sport and exercise to increase their life expectancy and Rays of Sunshine brightens the lives of children with serious and life-limiting illnesses by granting their wishes.

Mr Llewellyn-Jones, formerly an Aberthin resident, has so far raised more than £2,600, but still needs help reaching his £20,000 target.

To donate visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/3nations5days.

Mr Llewellyn-Jones will also be visiting Bridgend in October to talk about employee wellbeing and how physical activity can help people shine in the workplace.

He will be at Bridgend Life Centre on October 2 for an Employee Wellbeing Business Breakfast, organised by the town's business forum and Halo Leisure.

To book a place at the event contact Bridgend Business Forum on 01656 815320 or email business@bridgend.gov.uk.

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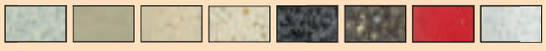

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Out & About with The GEM

Young actors to star at the WMC

FOLLOWING open auditions in Cardiff, Seren Bowen, aged 10 from Barry and Samuel Dacey, aged 11 from Penarth, (*pictured above*) will star in the smash-hit *Nativity the Musical* among the students of 'Oakmoor School'.'.

Every child in every school has one Christmas wish, to star in a Nativity, and at St Bernadette's School they've decided to mount a musical version. Written and directed by Debbie Isitt with music and lyrics by Nicky Ager and Debbie Isitt, the show is choreographed by Andrew Wright, designed by David Woodhead, with lighting by Tim Mitchell, sound by Tom Marshall and orchestrations by George Dyer.

Why not try singing – it's good for you!

STUDIES repeatedly show that choral singing has a powerful effect on health and wellbeing.

Choristers benefit from increased muscle tone, oxygenated blood, improved immunity, mental alertness, elevated mood and social inclusion.

Sociologist Émile Durkheim labelled the sensation of singing in a choir as 'collective effervescence'.

Spectrum Singers is holding an open rehearsal on Wednesday, September 18 to give people an opportunity to experience the benefits of singing in a choir. Rehearsals are held at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Plassey Street, Penarth from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Spectrum Singers has broadcast on BBC Radio 3 and Radio Wales, sung at St David's Hall and in many of the UK's great cathedrals. The choir performs a mix of classical and contemporary pieces for chamber choir and close harmony in eight parts, so with currently only 16 singers, every voice counts. The SATB chamber choir is looking to expand and hopes to find extra singers in every part.

David Hutchings, the choir's musical director, said: "September's 'back-to-school' makes it a perfect time of year to recruit new members. We're looking for people whose voice will enhance a small choir and blend well. We perform new repertoire every season, so reasonable sight-singing skills and a commitment to learning new music are essential."

For further information, contact Spectrum Singers at www.spectrumsingers.org.uk.

Film festival finale hosts talk and quiz

THE Vale of Glamorgan's first ever film festival is soon to play host an award-winning hair and make-up artist, as well as a Guinness World Record attempt at the world's biggest quiz.

Peter Swords King, who won the Oscar and a BAFTA for his work in the Lord of the Rings and The Hobbit trilogies, will run a talk and masterclass for enthusiasts as part of the festival's finale.

His portfolio also includes Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Mary Poppins Returns.*

The masterclass offers fans the opportunity to immerse themselves in the artist's work and to learn about different make-up genres and elements of screen production. The class will conclude with a Q&A session.

Lynn McFarlane from Dresd Studios said: "He is at the core of film making and under his guidance, the audience will be privy to an in-depth knowledge of production unique to his experience."

Families, friends and film buffs alike are invited to participate in a Guinness World Record attempt at the world's biggest quiz, which will include around 500 competitors. Players will be immersed in props, sets and costumes from popular TV shows and films.

The festival runs from September 26 to October 6 and will involve a variety of events taking place across unique Vale locations.

Both events will take place on October 6 at Dresd Studios in St Athan. For more information, including booking tickets, visit *https://www.valefilmfest.co.uk/whats-on/.*

Echoes of *A Month in the Country* lead to screening in Llancarfan Church

VILLAGERS of Llancarfan are fighting a threat to their celebrated church wall paintings by recruiting the talents of a youthful Colin Firth and a pop-up cinema at a screening event on Saturday, October 5.

The medieval wallpaintings of St Cadocs, rescued from behind centuries of limewash, are once again under threat from recently discovered damp problems threatening the church. Without major investment, they will be literally washed off the walls. A emergency fundraising appeal will start with the screening of a remarkable vintage film featuring a young Colin Firth in his first starring role, *A Month in the Country*.

Event organiser Jim Barratt said: The night is part of the Vale Film festival, and we are using this to start the fundraising appeal to protect the church paintings. There are terrific echoes of the St Cadoc's story in *A Month in the Country*, which makes it a perfect fit."

"t Cadoc's is a wonderful venue for this movie. The wall paintings will be specially lit for the event, there will be live music from the Hiraeth string quartet, inspired by the film's period and beautiful score, wine and soft drinks will be on offer. It will be a special, atmospheric occasion in aid of an excellent cause."

Booking is essential and places are already limited. Tickets cost £7.50 from Sue Taylor on 01446 781453, sue.taylor45@btinternet.com or Kevin Barry on 01446 781735, kgbarry2010@hotmail.co.uk.

National Theatre Live at the Paget Rooms

FEATURING a Tony Award-winning performance from host of The Late Late Show, James Corden, the hilarious West End and Broadway hit *One Man, Two Guvnors* returns to Penarth's Paget Rooms on Thursday, September 26 to mark National Theatre Live's 10th birthday.

Penarth's Paget Rooms host regular screenings of National Theatre Live Productions. Tickets (£10) can be booked via the Town Council website, www.penarthtowncouncil.gov.uk.

Clairvoyant evening

BARRY and Linda Hartery and friends are holding 'A Night of Clairvoyance' with Julie and Darryl Jenkins on Saturday, September 21 at Buttrills Community Hall, North Walk, Barry in aid of Bradley, who needs an operation (due to cerebral palsy) which will help him walk.

Entry is £5; doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start. For more information, call 07737 704355.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Art and craft group

LLANTWIT Major Art and Craft Group will be meeting on Friday, September 20 at Llantonian Hall at 7.30pm when Martin Kaye will present a workshop on autumnal sketching.

Visitors are very welcome at this very interesting evening. A fee of £3 is payable on the night.

Scout Jumble Sale

COWBRIDGE Scout Group are holding their annual jumble sale on Saturday, September 21 at the Scout Hall (rear of sheep market) between 10am and 1pm.

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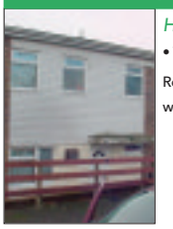

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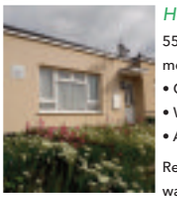

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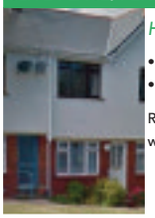

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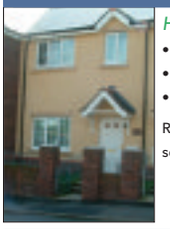

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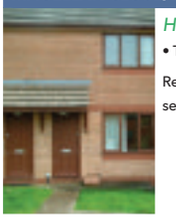

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Expressions of interest are invited for the following developments and you will need to be a member of Homes4u in order to be considered. A local lettings policy applies to all. Allocations are based on highest priority connection to the area, then banding and date. You will need to ring the Contact Centre on 01446 700111 in order to express your interest and you will be asked a series of questions regarding your local connection to the area.

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3 PENTRE MEYRICK, COWBRIDGE HAFOD HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Hafod Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announce the new development at Pentre Meyrick.

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Expected end of October 2019 Priority will be given to applicants with no convictions or history of ASB for the past two years.
Hafod Housing Association is committed to providing a safe and sustainable environment and will be asking for references and carrying out interviews with prospective tenants to achieve the full potential for this new development".

You must be a HOMES4U member to apply for any of the rented homes.
When bidding for more than one property you will be asked to state your order of preference.
All descriptions and other details are given in good faith and are believed to be correct but any potential tenant should satisfy themselves as to their correctness.

NEWS FROM THE WI

BOVERTON WI

FROM a Wales evening heading into autumn we travelled to sunny Italy.

Our speaker was Romeo Bassini, who in 1939 was a young boy with Italian heritage living in Wales. He was sent to Italy that year and returned to Wales in 1947. Two trips are planned in the coming months: an outing to Webbs of Wychbold and Worcester on November 16 and another visit to Hotter Shoes in Cardiff on October 7. Our Christmas lunch this year will be at St Athan Golf Club. The monthly competition was one by Pam Lewis with a beautiful mask from Venice. Our meetings are held at Llantonian Hall at 7.30pm on the second Thursday of the month and guests are always made welcome.

YSTRADOWEN WI

MEMBERS of Ystradowen WI were given a talk by Rev Victoria Ashley, Team Vicar of the Rectorial Benefice of Cowbridge, entitled 'My Journey to Ordination' at their September gathering.

Rev Ashley recently celebrated 10 years n priestly ministry having originally been employed in hotel hospitality and more recently prior to becoming a priest, with the charity MIND. She told the group that for many years she had felt God's calling, and how she is enjoying her time in Cowbridge serving the rural communities. Three members of the group recently attended a boules morning at Pontyclun together with members from other Women's Institutes. Next month's talk is entitled 'Colour Me Beautiful' when the speaker will be Charlotte Leeke. The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 2 at 7.30pm in Ystradowen Village Hall.

ST ATHAN WI

ON September 2, St Athan WI welcomed guest speaker Paul Whatley, who gave a talk on financial matters.

Members were reminded that it is absolutely crucial that expert professional advice is taken with all financial matters.

There was no doubt that Paul gave everyone food for thought at the informative and enjoyable evening.

Seven of the most common plant diseases and how to cure them

GREEN-FINGERED Brits wanting to keep their gardens healthy have been warned to be wary of seven common plant killers.

Horticulture experts from BillyOh.com have named some of the most destructive plant diseases and revealed how to protect plants and flowers.

Ensuring plants are given the right amount of water, have enough ventilation and have the space to grow are all ways to keep disease at bay.

From powdery mildew and brown rot to leaf spots and rust, most of these diseases are relatively easy to control but for some, preventative measures are best taken.

A spokesperson for BillyOh.com said: "There's nothing worse than putting lots of time and effort into your garden for disease to then strike.

"Many plants don't cope well with the temperamental weather we're currently experiencing, and it can be the perfect growing ground for many different types of fungi.

"Knowing what to look out for and how to deal with the diseases as soon as they are spotted is the best way to ensure they don't permanently damage plants and flowers."

1. Rust: Rust is a fungus which develops in damper places.

Given its name due to its colour, the disease can make a plant weak well before showing physical signs. Rust-resistant varieties a re available for many types of vegetables such as leeks and onions.

2. Leaf spots: This is a sign that plants are stressed which could perhaps be due to being over, or under, watered.

Caused by a range of fungi, spots may join together to create large areas of dead patches.

To take extra care of your plant, it's good practice to cut out the affected areas.

3. Powdery mildew: This is a result of fungal disease caused by the plant's roots being dry while having damp air around the flower buds.

Remove dead leaves over winter to prevent the disease from spreading and ensure you mulch in spring and autumn to trap the moisture in the roots.

4. Grey mould: Common in many soft fruits such as raspberries and strawberries, and also many ornamental flowers, it can often be caused by being grown in humid conditions, which means you must

ensure plants aren't overcrowded and if growing under glass make sure they are well ventilated.

5. Box blights: A disease found in the leaves and stems of box plants caused by fungus, leaves turn brown and fall off, and leaves on young stems will dieback, meaning only stems will be visible with no leaves. You should cut out the infected stems, but only once they're fully dry otherwise you run the risk of the disease spreading.

6. Brown rot: Found in fruit trees caused by fungus, brown rot causes fruit such as apples, pears and cherries to turn brown and rot, it occurs in the wounds created mainly by birds, and many affected fruits either fall or hang mouldy from the tree.

There is no way to control the spread of the disease, other than to remove the mouldy fruit as soon as possible.

7. Blight: Found mainly in potato and tomato plants, blight can completely destroy a crop, or make them completely inedible.

It turns leaves brown from the edges inwards and can cause stems to collapse and die.

Mainly seen during warm and moist conditions, remove affected leaves and stems as soon as you see them.

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AMs debate clean air bill for Wales

THIS week saw assembly members debating the need to introduce a Clean Air Bill within this assembly term in order to protect the health and well-being of our nation.

Wales is in a toxic air crisis, says Healthy Air Cymru, a coalition of third sector organisation concerned about air pollution.

Over 2000 deaths a year in Wales are attributed to air pollution at a cost of £1000m, this equates to 11% of the overall NHS budget in Wales.

A report released by the British Lung Foundation in October 2018 showed that 57 health centres including three hospitals, across Wales were above World Health Organisation limits for PM2.5- a small dangerous particle in air pollution that is tiny enough to be breathed and absorbed through the lungs.

Research has also shown that some of the most deprived areas face the worst levels of air pollution, meaning the poorest in our society continue to suffer further health inequalities as a result of poorer air quality.

An announcement about a new Clean Air plan is expected later in the autumn however further delay in supporting this with new or improved legislation will see a continuation of a postcode lottery for clean air.

Joseph Carter, Chair of Healthy Air Cymru said: "The return of the clean air debate in the assembly is a clear indication of the urgency of the matter. We are in a toxic air crisis.

"We cannot afford to delay any further while the most vulnerable members of our society suffer the effects of dirty air.

"The current provisions do not fulfil the needs of a forward-thinking Wales and if we're to see a real change across the country, we need the legislative support and framework there to enable local authorities to deliver the cleanest air possible."

"With a rise in childhood asthma cases attributed to air pollution and further links to dementia, mental health and respiratory disease; toxic air is costing lives, costing us our health and creating an unnecessary strain on NHS resources. Wales needs a clean air act now. Just because we cannot see it, it doesn't mean that threat is any less, it just makes it far more dangerous and our need to tackle it that much greater."

The debate was tabled by Conservative AM Darren Miller and speaking ahead of the debate, Shadow Health Minister Angela Burns said: "With more than one in twenty people in Wales dying as a result of poor air quality each year, we as policymakers should feel compelled to act.

"That is why we will be calling on the Welsh Government to legislate for our long-time policy of a Clean Air Act. This will mandate ministers to produce a statutory air quality strategy every five years.

"The Welsh Government has declared a climate emergency and yet we have seen no measures to tackle it.

"The adoption of our policy will finally put some momentum into this programme. Additionally, it will create a far healthier population and reverse worrying trends when it comes to lung conditions, which is why we felt it imperative that we worked with the British Lung Foundation to bring forward this debate to the Assembly.

"We urge Ministers to support today's motion."

Healthy Air Cymru which leads the Cross-Party Group for A Clean Air Act, includes organisations such as the British Lung Foundation, Friends of the Earth, British Heart Foundation, Swansea University, Client Earth, Living streets, Sustrans Cymru and the Royal College of Physicians.

A new season begins at Vale Photo Club

LAST Friday, the weekly meetings of the Vale Photography Club started up again after the summer break.

We had an excellent turnout and a few of our friends dropped in for a cup of tea – of course, we couldn't resist taking a few photographs for the family album. Our first meeting was a practical photo shoot with three lighting setups and some very interesting models to photograph, from the world of cosplay. For those not familiar with this very popular pastime, it's basically costume play and is all about creating outfits to enact various mythical or comic characters and many of them take part in national Comicon gatherings.

A great night was had by all and we hope they like our photos, some of which can be seen on our website and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pg/ValePhotoClub/.

The coming year's programme features lots of practical evenings, so if you are new to photography or want to learn some different techniques, come along and meet us. We will still have the usual competitions and guest speakers too.

We encourage everyone to discover their passion and focus on photographing that, to the best of their ability.

The next few weeks will be about sharing our current work in progress; an inter-club critique evening with images from our friends in Scotland, and introducing our members to product photography. Our full programme can be seen on our website, along with examples of the work of our members and many hints and tips on how to improve your photography. Better still, drop in at Ystradowen village hall on a Friday evening from 7.30pm and have a chat with us.

Terry Verrinder

Support for Barry Pride event from local politicians

COUNCILLOR Leighton Rowlands and Alun Cairns MP are both looking forward to attending the inaugural Barry Pride event (this Saturday, September 21, 12 noon to 6pm, Barry High Street).

Cllr Leighton Rowlands attended Cardiff Pride this year and last year's Llantwit Major Pride with Alun Cairns MP and they are both looking forward to taking part in the event to help promote and celebrate the local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

Barry Pride, which was organised following the success of Llantwit Major Pride, will be a fun day out for everyone and an opportunity to join in and help celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.

Cllr Rowlands said: "I am so pleased that a Pride event is being held in my hometown and I will be attending as one of two openly gay councillors.

"I'm also honoured that I will be attending with my local MP Alun Cairns, who has been incredibly supportive of me since coming out to him many years ago. The event is very important in highlighting issues affecting gay people."

Mr Cairns said: "I'm delighted to be attending Barry Pride along with Leighton. The event in Llantwit Major last year was a major success and it's fantastic to see that we'll now celebrate in Barry too.

"I recognise that Pride is incredibly important for the LBGT community and I am keen to support it."

Birthday for LAMBS

LAMBS (Llansannor Ancient and Modern Buildings and Settlements), which was initiated in 1999 to plan different ways to mark the millennium, celebrated its 20th anniversary at Llansannor Court on September 8.

One of the earliest activities that LAMBS organised was a garden party at Llansannor Court and, after nearly 200 events spanning the 20 years, it was considered appropriate to repeat this early, successful activity.

On the Sunday afternoon, around 100 people ranging in age from one to 96 enjoyed afternoon tea in the beautiful surroundings of this historic building, with brilliant sunshine an added bonus.

The group were very pleased to welcome back youngsters who were born in Llansannor. Many are now parents and while their children enjoyed games on the lawn, adults reminisced over posters containing images from the past 20 years.

Special thanks go to Mr and Mrs Michael Eddershaw, who allowed the use of their garden and home for the event.

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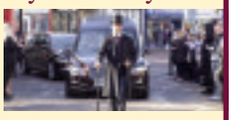
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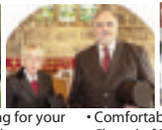

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He will be greatly missed by all his family, neighbours and many friends.

Elfed is resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at St Cadoc's, Old Village Church, Barry on Monday, 23rd September at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry.

Family floral tributes only please. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support Cancer Research UK in memory of Elfed.

Further enquiries, please contact 01446 407962.

MALYNN
Patrick John

Suddenly on 28th August 2019, aged 77 years, devoted husband to Margaret Ann, father to Nicholls, Kerry and Lucy. Grandfather to Isla, Edith, Malachi and Emily.

Patrick will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Monday, 30th September at 1pm.

Family flowers only. Donations may be in memory of Patrick in favour of Cancer Research or Marie Curie at the service.

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STAYT
Valerie Lilyan (Née Downes)

Of Baschurch formerly Church Stretton, Penarth and Barry, died at home aged 90 on Friday 6th September 2019.
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Funeral Service to be held at All Saints Church, Baschurch on Wednesday, 2nd October 2019 at 2pm.

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CLOGG
Graham Orlando

Passed away suddenly on 7th September 2019 at home.
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Adored dad to Sharon, Graham and Mark.
Incredible grampy to Tasha, Jennifer, Charles and Freya.
Wonderful brother to John and Shirley, and a loved father-in-law and uncle.

Graham will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.
He will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A G Adams Funeralcare until the service on 26th September at 10am at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.

Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, in memory of Graham, may be made to Red Cross.

HOBDAY
Douglas

Douglas passed away peacefully aged 76 years at Velindre Hospital, Cardiff on 9th September 2019.

Loving husband of Janice. Loved father to Victoria and Alexandra, and son in laws Christopher and Ian. Adored grandfather to Aimie, James, Abigail, Lewis and Connor. Douglas will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Resting at W A Brown Funeralcare until the funeral service on Tuesday, 24th September at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit at 10.30am, followed by commital at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired, in memory of Doug, may be made to Velindre Cancer Centre, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 2TL or at the service.

PEARCE
Oleen Mary

Passed away peacefully at Oaklands Care Home, Bridgend on Sunday, 8th September, Oleen formerly of Cowbridge. Beloved wife of Derek, devoted mother of Andrea and Helen, cherished grandmother of Hywel, Bethan and Fiona and a much loved sister of Ken, George & Sheena.

Funeral on Wednesday, 2nd October. Service and cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, at 11am.

Family flowers only donations in lieu if desired to Alzheimer's Society c/o Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow Street, Bridgend. Tel 01656 650831.

HAYES
Margaret Jane (Jane)

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Cherished nana to Luke, Hannah, Finn, Isaac and Samuel.

Jane will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. She will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A G Adams Funeralcare until the service on Wednesday, 25th September at 3pm at St Helen's RC Church , Barry followed by Committal at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium.

Flowers welcome. Donations if desired, in memory of Jane, may be made to Marie Curie.

DITCHBURN
Pamela (Pam)

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LOWRIE
John Andrew

Passed away suddenly at home on 8th September 2019.
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John will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. He will live on forever in our hearts.

Resting at A G Adams Funeralcare until the service on 1st October at 1pm at St Mary's Church , Barry followed by Interment at Barry Cemetery.

Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, in memory of John, may be made to Cancer Research UK Barry.

WILSON
Graham (Tug)

Graham passed away peacefully, aged 68 years, at Marie Curie Care, Penarth on 4th September 2019.
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Graham (Tug), will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Resting at W A Brown Funeralcare until a private church service on Monday, 23rd September, followed by an open service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, at 12 noon. Afterwards everyone is welcome to join the family at the Blacksmiths Arms, Llanmaes.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired, in memory of Graham, may be made to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Bridgeman Road, Penarth CF64 3YR, or at the service.

EVANS
Blair

It is with great sadness the family announce that Blair died peacefully on 30th August, aged 87.

Dear husband, father, grandfather and brother.

The Funeral service will be held at Holy Cross Church, Cowbridge on Friday, 27th September at 2pm. Resting at W.James And Sons, Chapel Of Rest, The Yard, Fonmon, Barry. CF62 3BJ Tel: 01446 710096

EVANS
Dilys Mary

Dilys died at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend on 10th September 2019, aged 84 years.
Beloved wife of the late Geoff. Adored and loving mother to Diane, John and the late Peter and Caroline. Loved Grandmother and Mamgu.

Dilys will be greatly missed by her family and those who knew her.

Resting at W A Brown Funeralcare until the funeral service on Wednesday, 25th September at Holy Trinity Church, Llandow at 2pm, followed by interment at Boverton Road Cemetery.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors or if desired, donations in memory of Dilys, may be made to a charity of your own choice.

RODERICK
Mair

Peacefully on 12th September, at Princess of Wales Hospital, Mair aged 94 years of Cowbridge; much loved wife of the late Ieuan, loving mother of Ceri, Eleri and Aled and grandmother to Nia, Michelle, Megan and Tim.

She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend on Monday, 23rd September at 11am.

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KNAPMAN
William (Colin)

Peacefully on 4th September at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth following a long illness bravely fought. Beloved husband of Paula, devoted dad of Rhys & Carys. Much loved brother, brother in law and friend to many.

Resting at Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until the funeral at All Saints Church, Barry on Friday, 27th September at 11:30am, afterwards at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry

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GRIFFITHS
Patricia
(née Macnab)

Sadly passed away on the 10th September 2019.
Mother to Chris, sister to Gaynor, and loving Nana to Alex and Abbie.

Service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry, on Monday, 30th September at 11am.

Funeral attire optional.

Family flowers only, donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Ty Hafan Children's Hospice at the service.

QUICK
Frederick William

Peacefully passed away surrounded by his family on the 14th September 2019.

Much loved husband, father and grandfather.

The Funeral Service will take place on Monday, 30th September at Barry Crematorium at 2pm.

No flowers please by request.

Donations if desired, to be made to Holme Towers, Penarth. Envelopes will be available at the service.

HARRIS
Sqn Ldr John Francis (Francis)

(Formerly of Rhoose)
Peacefully on Sunday, 25th August 2019, aged 91 years, surrounded by his family, having received the last rites. Beloved husband of Ann, father of Dominic and Ruth. Adored grandfather of Leon, brother to Andrew and son of the late Mr and Mrs John Harris.

A memorial service will be held at 7pm on Friday, 27th September at the Our Lady & St Illtyd Catholic Church, Ham Lane East, Llantwit Major.

LEE
Michael (Mike)

Mike sadly passed away aged 71 years.

He will be truly missed by his sister Tanya, family and all his friends.

Resting at AG Adams Funeralcare, until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port road, Barry on Thursday, 26th September at 1pm.

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Ron & family xxx

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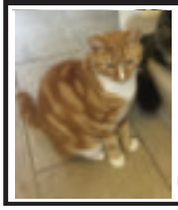

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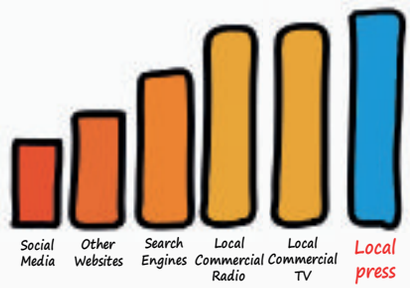

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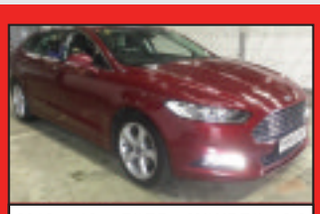

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17 67 BMW 420 D Sport Gran Coupe 5dr (190bhp), BMW warranty Sept 2020, sat nav, 20k, black, full leather....£18995

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17 66 FORD ECOSPORT 1.0 EcoBoost 140 Titanium S 5dr, Ford warranty Feb 2020, cruise, Bluetooth, 21k, yellow, half-leather **£9995**

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16 66 JEEP RENEGADE 1.6 MultiJet Longitude 5dr, Jeep warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, dab, 37k, choice **£9795**

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18 18 KIA OPTIMA 1.7 CRDI ISG 2 Estate, Kia warranty May 2021, sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, black **£12995**

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16 16 KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 CRD ISG 2 5dr (facelift), Kia warranty April 2023, sat nav, reverse camera, 28k, choice **£11995**

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16 66 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI First Edition 5dr Automatic 4WD, Kia warranty Sept 2023, sat nav, sunroof, 24k, choice, full leather **£16995**

17 17 KIA SPORTAGE 2.0 CRDI KX-4 AWD 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 23k, choice, full leather **£15995**

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16 16 PEUGEOT 208 1.6 BlueHDI Active 5dr, cruise, air-con, 37k, blue **£5995**

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16 66 RENAULT MEGANE 1.6 DCI Dynamique Nav 5dr (Facelift), Renault warranty Nov 2020, sat nav, cruise, 25k, blue **£9995**

18 18 SEAT LEON 1.2 TSI SE Dynamic Technology 5dr, Seat warranty until April 2021, sat nav, cruise, 13k, silver **£10995**

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Winning start for Llantwit Major Seconds

LLANTWIT Major reserves came from behind at Garden Village in their first league match of the season, Stuart Lindsay levelled and captain Joesph Cutter headed his side to a deserved victory.

The reserves enjoyed much of the ball in the opening minutes with Garden Village ready to pounce on the counter attack. Unfortunately, this came on 15 minutes, Aaron Wrigley was seen to take down a player in the box with the penalty taker smoothly notching past the keeper.

The Major continued to knock on the door with Stephen Phillips coming close with a front post header as Leow Morris delivered a fantastic whipped ball, only for the keeper to tip over. Phillips came close again moments later as his one v one was brilliantly kept out by the Village keeper.

Llantwit would go into the second half feeling they deserved at least one or two goals as Morgan Gore, Chris Vinson and Lindsay had chances before the break.

The second half started with Llantwit on the front foot with a shot from James Vickers 15 seconds from the restart. A high midfield press delivered more chances for the visitors, and Phillips was unlucky once more with a left foot volley, followed by a goal mouth scramble which failed to cross the line.

The goal finally came on 75 minutes. Forward Stuart Lindsay's work rate was finally rewarded as he cashed in on a defensive error to take the ball past the keeper and coolly tap in to an open net to bring his side level.

The hosts were kept quite for most of the second half as debutants Jake Sutch and Leow Morris, alongside Cutter and Wrigley in the back line, all enjoyed fine defensive performances.

The winner came on 85 minutes, a Nathan Renfree corner met the head of the towering Cutter, who enjoyed his first goal in over a year.

JT

Llantwit Major make a fine start to under-12 season with an excellent victory

LLANTWIT Major JFC under-12s hosted Island Marine at Windmill Lane for the opening match of the 2019/20 season.

This was the first game in junior football for the team at full 11-a-side and with a full pitch so the coaches were eager to see how the team performed following a number of good training sessions.

The sun was shining and with a good crowd to cheer on both sides it promised to be a good match, and the kids didn't disappoint.

Both teams were using the size of the pitch well with some great passing and a few breakaway attacks thwarted by the defence.

Llantwit soon found themselves in the lead, which gave them a boost in confidence.

It wasn't long before a second Llantwit goal found the back of the net, and then a third before half time.

The coaches' instruction was simple, keep the shape and keep up the good work, in the hope that the players didn't start streaming forwards to get themselves on the scoresheet.

Luke, Jack and Keaton were brought on to give a few players a rest and allow them a taste of the action.

Llantwit were soon on the scoreboard again almost putting the game out of reach, but Island Marine didn't give up and a weaving run through a number of the Llantwit players resulted in a deserved goal.

It was a nervous few moments for the Llantwit coaches as the goal gave Island Marine a much-needed lift and it was end to end stuff with both goal keepers pulling off fine saves.

Llantwit then put the game to bed with a fifth goal, followed by a sixth, with the game finishing 6-1 to Llantwit.

Every one of the 14 players available played well and stuck to their positions well.

Man of the match was awarded to Correy Gaertig, whose pace was a constant threat which Island Marine struggled to deal with.

It's a long season but this was a great way to start and will no doubt give the players a confidence boost.

The team still have a few spaces left if anyone in year-7 is looking to join a side. Training is on Tuesday, 6pm to 7pm, with matches around the Vale at 10am on a Saturday.

Please email *llantwitmajorjfc@gmail.com* for more information.

Team - *Kai Wilson, Harrison Edwards, Tomos Davies, Austin Caffery, Joseph Kincaid, Dylan Godsell, Brodie Beare, Joshua Lewis, Joshua Puddick, Finley Wheaton, Correy Gaertig, Luke Collinson, Jack Morris, Keaton Precious*

IG

Cottrell ladies visit St Pierre

THE annual away trip by Cottrell Park ladies in August, was three days away at the St Pierre Hotel and golf resort.

Following bacon butties on arrival, a Texas scramble was played in a relaxed and friendly manner, the winning team being Anne Woosnam, Regina Drew, Helen Evans and Jenny Knott

On the middle day the main competition was an individual Stableford to compete for the Lady Cottrella trophy.

This was won by Judith Jessop, and the runner-up was Nan Thomas.

The team competition was won by Jan Cosby, Jenny Knott, Judith Jessop and Rowena Mc Cartney (*pictured above*).

The last day competition was the best three scores out of four to count, plus a yellow ball competition.

The winners were Jenny Knott, Marion Hale, Tina Morgan and Nan Thomas. Congratulations to them, as they were the only team who retained the yellow ball.

Well done to Jenny Knott, who was in the winning team each day.

There was plenty of socialising with drinks and presentation of prizes by the ladies' captain, Tina Morgan, before dinner each evening, followed by lots of chat and singing.

The ladies returned home tired but happy after a very enjoyable time.

CB

An away day for St Mary's senior section

ST Mary's senior section found the golf course in surprisingly good condition as they teed off in their September medal competition.

The previous day's endless rain was a distant memory as the field of 39 embarked upon their final medal round of the year.

With a little less run on the ball, however, scoring was somewhat modest with no-one breaking par.

Three players returned net one over par 69s and a count-back was necessary to determine the final placings.

Gary Bater was awarded the medal with Hugh Williams and Roy Denton settling for second and third respectively.

Bater and Denton both logged a two in their rounds. Gareth Thomas, Bryant Thomas and Norman Lloyd also scored twos.

Two days later, 19 of their number visited the Parc Golf Club at Newport for an awayday.

The early weather was not very promising but by the time the bacon rolls and coffee provided on arrival had been consumed, the sun was out and everyone enjoyed an excellent day.

The players found the course easy to negotiate as it is very flat, but there were a few challenging holes with water that had to be avoided.

At the end of the day, Wayne Newton claimed the victory with 37 Stableford points, one more than second-placed Alun Powell. Owen Maund was third on 36 points.

Trevor Evans and Phil Williams took the nearest to pin prizes. An excellent meal rounded off their day.

NL

Season's end for Cowbridge Bowls Club

AT Cowbridge Bowls Club, two end of season games were played during the final week.

The first was a rear-ranged men's Evening League Triples match away to Llantrisant.

Although Cowbridge lost overall, away points were secured by wins on two of the rinks.

Rink scores : Nick Gough, Bryan Hole and Clive Pritchard lost by 10–22. Gerry Lloyd, Ken Payne and Alan Wallace won by 15–14.

Owen Hopkins, John Wathes and Roger Barwick won by 14–13.

Alan Jordan, John Nixon and Colin Wilson lost by 7–23.

Match score : Cowbridge 46 Llantrisant 72.

Finally a mixed friendly was played at home on September 4 against Llantwit Major on five rinks and over 16 ends.

It was a home win – but only just.

MB

Latest news from Barrivale Bridge Club

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club WBU Simultaneous heat on September 3 are:

First, Mike Close and Mia Deschepper, 69.05 per cent; second, Debbie Richards and Noelle Bond, 61.25 per cent; third, Peter Millar and Adrian Trickey, 55.42 per cent.

The handicap winners were Hilary Laurence and Vivian Liles.

New members are welcomed, and a partner may be arranged, if required.

Call 01446 418380, 01446 733425, 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday.

There is a new beginner's class starting on Friday, September 20 at the Pioneer Hall at 10am to 12.30pm. You will be taught by experienced bridge players and handouts are provided.

On Thursdays, assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF634AP.

LH

Celtic and Quins clash in season opener as referee dishes out a few cards

MAESTEG Celtic travelled to fellow relegation side Aberavon Quins for their first game in Division Two of the WRU West Central League.

Celtic team had prop Simon Lent returning, while flankers Rhys Bevan Jones and Peter Kehoe played in the second row. Number eight Rhodri Bwye returned from Maesteg Quins, with centre Lee Arthur on the flank. Outside half Scott Sainsbury returned after time away from the game, with a new partnership of full back Scott James and wing Sam Mines in the centre.

Scott Sainsbury opened the scoring with a penalty which was cancelled out immediately by the Quins. Celtic 's forwards put pressure on and a scrum near the home line gave number eight Ryan Jones the opportunity to attack. Quick ball to scrum half Leon Evans saw him put hooker Morgan Reeves over in the corner. Sainsbury converted. Quins responded with a try from the kick off.

The referee red carded a Quins' forward for violent play and yellow carded a Celtic player for retaliation. Quins took the lead from a try scored after an excellent kick and chase. Another Celtic player was yellow carded for a late tackle.

The second half was dominated by Aberavon Quins and they scored two penalties and two tries. Celtic scored a late consolation try through flanker Ryan Turner.

KS

Late winner for Tondu Seconds

THE Bridgend Athletic Generals welcomed Tondu Seconds to Newbridge Fields in the opening game of the WRU Conference Central season.

There was a minute's silence in memory of Bridgend Ravens chairman Derrick King.

After 20 minutes, it was Athletic flanker Geraint Lang who opened the scoring with a try, followed soon after by a try for lock Matthew Tellem. This was converted by captain and outside half Scott Jones. Moments later, the Tondu outside half sniped over for a try, which he converted.

Tondu scored another try to make it 12-12 going at the break.

The Athletic line-out organisation by vice-captain Aled Pillner and precision throwing of hooker Mathew Greenman allowed the Athletic to continue their driving maul game early in the second half, with Tellem using his strength to cross for a second try, which was converted.

Tondu picked up a yellow card but, as befits a local derby day, the determination of the away side saw them keep the Athletic out.

Within minutes of being back to 15 men, Tondu scored a try which brought the score to 19-17. With the momentum changing, Tondu kept the pressure on and five minutes later were rewarded with another try. The Athletic defence claimed a foot in touch, but the referee awarded it. The conversion meant a 24-19 bonus point victory.

Athletics' man of the match was Hywel Cosby.

AB

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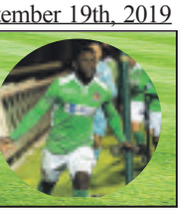

Mules take the spoils with late try against the Athletic

A last minute try and conversion saw Kenfig Hill, playing at home, win a narrow local derby by 21-19 against Bridgend Athletic.

For the Athletic it was certainly a game that got away. With the possession they had they should have strangled the game. Poor control of the ball at the contact area and trying to overplay in the wrong areas, with too many poorly directed passes leading to handling errors, aligned to poor tactical kicking, cost them dearly.

It was the home side that started stronger. A run down the left-hand touchline was only stopped by a good cover tackle by Athletic left-wing Robin Davies, who sensed the danger and raced to the opposite wing to halt the move. After 15 minutes, with the Mules playing down the slope, they opened the scoring. From a scrum inside the Athletic 22 they went right, switched play back across field for centre Owen Davies to run through a huge gap to cross for a try, converted by outside half Jonny Clatworthy.

After 20 minutes, Kenfig Hill dropped a pass on halfway. Athletic scrum half Aled Thomas hacked the ball forward. Athletic wing Tom James won the race to the ball and kicked it over the line and had the pace to outstrip the cover to cross wide out (***pictured right***) Luke Bevan's conversion levelled the scores.

Athletic's Aled Thomas showed good positional sense to halt a potential Kenfig Hill try, picking the ball up just in front of his posts and clearing to halfway. Lock Jonathon Stoker tapped a Kenfig Hill throw in back to Thomas, whose kick over the Mules' defence saw wing Robin Davies gather and race over. Bevan's conversion gave the Athletic a 14-7 lead.

In a Groundhog Day repeat of the Ammanford game, Athletic No 8 Ben Davies picked up from a line out on halfway, drew two players into the tackle before putting wing Robin Davies clear. However, the pass was again judged forward.

The Athletic were now in control and five minutes from the break had a golden opportunity to increase their lead. A five-metre driving maul was halted but the Athletic retained possession and pounded the Kenfig Hill line before losing the ball and allowing the home side to get out of jail.

Just after the interval, Kenfig Hill wing Lewis Morgan broke a tackle on halfway and raced into the Athletic 22 before throwing a potential scoring inside pass. Fortunately, Athletic full back Stuart Floyd-Ellis read the situation and made a timely interception.

A few minutes later the same player again broke a tackle and had No 8 Chris Leyshon inside him to this time receive the scoring pass Clatworthy's conversion levelled the scores at 14-14.

Good breaks by Athletic flanker Ben Howe and then centre Joe Patterson saw Kenfig Hill penalised inside their 22. Bevan kicked for a five-metre touch. The first Athletic drive was illegally halted and saw Kenfig Hill flanker Josh Dixon despatched to the sin bin. A repeat drive saw the Mules once again penalised but no card.

It was third time lucky as hooker Lee Murphy found lock Ben Cording and then joined the drive to cross wide out for an unconverted try and 19–14 lead. The Athletic pack continued to control possession but instead of strangling the game by pushing the ball into the bottom corner of the Kenfig Hill 22, they continued making the same errors as in the first half.

They paid the price when from just inside their own half in the last minute Kenfig Hill turned over possession and their centre showed great pace to run around the Athletic defence and release wing Lewis Morgan to outpace the Athletic cover and cross under the posts. The conversion spelled the end of the game and great joy for the home side.

This Saturday the Athletic visit Kenfig Hill's neighbour's Pyle of Division Two West Central for a first round Swalec Plate tie. They will do well to remind themselves of complacency against a fired up local side looking to create an upset, as close neighbours the Ravens found to their cost at Beddau.

AB

Tondu fightback gives squad plenty to work on in future games

An opportunist try for Tondu's Sam Grabham. (Photograph by Gareth Anthony).

NANTYFFYLLON raced into a 11–0 in the first quarter of this local derby against visitors Tondu, with two penalties from outside half Rhodri Davies and a try from Liam Stuckey putting the home side in the driving seat.

Tondu then struck back with an opportunist try from centre Sam Grabham, converted by outside half Luke Whithall, but another penalty from Rhodri Davies gave the home side a 14–7 half time lead.

The second period could not have started any worse for the visitors when a charge down in front of their posts saw Rhodri Davies scramble to the touchdown, the same player adding the conversion.

A few minutes later Tondu were further behind when scrum half Ben Davies finished off a fine move for the home side's third try, Davies again adding the extras.

The game looked well and truly over at this point, but the visitors did not give up. After strong pressure, Tondu were awarded a penalty close to the posts, captain Hywel Davies took a quick tap to charge over under a pile of bodies, and replacement outside half Rory Nicols added the conversion.

Five minutes later some great back play saw Jack Riggs cross for Tondu's third try, which Nicols again converted to make it 28–21 going into an extended period of stoppage time. Both sides had chances during the 10 minutes the referee added on, but there was no further scoring as Tondu slipped to a second narrow defeat.

Next Saturday the league takes a break, when Tondu travel to Ystradgynlais in the first round of the plate. With a little improvement, anything could happen in this one.

Mike Sully

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Maesteg Celtic survive late Bridgend Sports fight back

MAESTEG Celtic entertained Bridgend Sports at Garth Park in a WRU Division Two West Central league game, making six changes to the team that played last week.

The pack dominated position and possession for the first hour of the game. The front row of Sean Lambert, Ashley Poole and Simon Lent were solid in the scrums and held the defensive line well.

Second rows Alex Jones and Captain Oliver Petty commanded their own lineout and were active in loose play. The back row of Josh Mines, Jonathan Davies and No 8 Ryan Turner were awesome in carrying the ball and tackling.

Scrum Half Liam Healy returned to partner Scott Sainsbury at half back and put in an excellent shift. Centres Scot James and man of the match Sam Mines were impressive in defence and had some good runs.

The back three Lee Arthur, Kristian Jenkins and Morgan Lloyd defended well but had little opportunity in attack.

Celtic opened the scoring after wing Kristian Jenkins made a break before kicking ahead. Celtic gathered the ball and, after inter passing by forwards and backs, centre Scot James was put over in the corner.

Their second try was as a result of great work by their back row which resulted in a scrum five. Their forward dominance allowed flanker Jonathan Davies to touch down in the corner. Scott Sainsbury converted.

Just before half time, Sainsbury put them further ahead with a penalty which was immediately cancelled out by one by the Sports.

Most of the second half was dominated by the Celtic but brave defence by the Sports prevented further scoring. The visitors never gave up and got themselves back in the game with a late penalty.

They closed the gap even further when Celtic were awarded a penalty near their own line and attempted to run out of trouble. Their clearance kick was charged down and Sports gained a converted try.

Celtic then kept play in the visitors half and ran the clock down for their first win.

It is believed that this was the first time three brothers (Sam, Josh and Tom Mines) have played in the same match for the Celtic.

KS

Good win for Pencoed Firsts

PENCOED RFC came out on top when they hosted Heol-y-Cyw in this first ever league meeting between the two sides.

Pencoed started strongly and after three minutes Rhys Badgery forced his way over the visitors' line for an unconverted try.

Pencoed continued to press and this led to Cameron Davies squeezing his way over in the corner. The try went unconverted but on 21 minutes, Adam Williams kicked a penalty.

On the half hour mark, Jack Thompson, showing typical tenacity, forced his way over to make the half time score 18–0.

The second half was a mirror image of the first, with the majority of pressure coming from the visitors but an impressive defensive display from the home side restricted the visitors to one score, a try, on 55 minutes.

The final score came from Pencoed on 65 minutes when they started a move from deep in their own half. Lloyd Bargery made some hard yards before handing to Shane Izatt who also made inroads.

Cameron Davies popped up to inject pace to the move and he passed the ball to Rhys Butler, who was able to leave the visitors' defence in his wake to score Pencoed's bonus point try and leave a final score of 235.

The sponsors' man of the match was Rhys Butler.

The supporters' man of the match was Shane Izatt.

SHD

Good win for Seaweeds

FOLLOWING the excellent opening day win at Heol-y-Cyw, Porthcawl notched a second league win, this time against local rivals Pyle, in what is traditionally a hard-fought battle.

On a superb afternoon for running rugby, the Seaweeds got off to a magnificent start when a brilliant bout of handling by the home backs saw right wing Jake Thomas follow up his try at Heol-y-Cyw with an equally adroit effort to cross in the corner for a super try, bettered only by Josh White's conversion.

Pyle were unfortunate to lose centre Xavier Manaseitava with a leg injury before Porthcawl's incessant attacking saw a second try to stretch the lead. Copying his effort the week before, playmaker-in-chief Jon Phillips showing lightning speed, latching onto White's kick through a bemused Pyle defence, to grab the touchdown at the left corner. White's magnificent second conversion made it 14-nil.

Injuries are never good to see yet Porthcawl lost both centres Wilcox and Phillips within minutes of each other and Porthcawl were forced to shuffle their backs.

Pyle are rebuilding and young outside-half Ieuan Evans got his name on the score-sheet as he took advantage of a lax Porthcawl defence, dancing his way over for a delightful individual try at the posts from fully 40 metres out, converted by Wil Gallafant.

A high tackle by Pyle saw White put over a fine 45-metre penalty for 17-7, followed shortly afterwards by another from a similar distance and at 20-7, Porthcawl were good value for their lead at the break.

Paul John came on at hooker for Porthcawl and his scrummaging experience immediately had an effect as the Seaweeds started to match Pyle's heavier pack.

The second half started to see Pyle show more of their usual grit, yet the inventiveness of the Porthcawl backline was something they found hard to handle.

Jake Thomas got his brace try following a superb home attack through midfield and he now has three tries in two matches, with White converting. Porthcawl lost substitute Ben Roach, who had come on for Phillips at centre as the Seaweeds injury jinx continued.

A White penalty made it 30-7, yet it was Pyle wing David Pound who wrapped things up with a consolation try for 30-12 at the death.

Porthcawl travel to Aberavon Quins in the first round of the WRU Plate on Saturday.

The club holds its' Rugby World Cup evening with guest speakers, RWC final referee Derek Bevan and former Wales star Richard Webster on Friday, October 4. Call the club on 01656 784242 or Paul Fielding on 07768 418308 for what promises to be a superb evening.

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